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ATTENTION

To Detail

The Virginia Military Institute is an entity ever aware of "Attention to Detail." From the first report in the morning to the final notes of Taps in the evening, the Institute is absorbed with a fascination for the pursuit of perfection through meticulous self examination. Inspections, evaluations and reviews encompass an environment that thrives on a self set "Perfect on Parade" standard. Appearance, bearing and performance present each cadet with this daily challenge to pursue a concentrated effort to maintain an "Attention to Detail."

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VMI Barracks, which serves as the nucleus for a great many facets of cadet life, houses approximately 1250 young men.

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This is the . . .

INSTITUTE

A casual observer might see the Institute as military school that simply embodies the prim properness of a military parade. But, given that the observer would take time to carefully view and consider every aspect of VMI, this same person would see much more than perfect lines and dress.

VMI is an environment that exists by itself but, parallely with the rest of society. It is in the Barracks, academic buildings, drill fields, and athletic arenas where young men face the challenges that the Institute offers. These challenges prepare cadets for life after VMI by instilling a desire to achieve in the face of adversity. Cadets part the Institute having known the difficulties of attaining high standards while appreciating the rewarding experience of achievement.

This book shall capture both the drive to achieve and the fruits of success with clarity in words and images with particular attention focused down to the last detail.

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▸VMI Barracks is a single building structure consisting of a New and Old Barracks that house the entire Corps of 1350 cadets. Most every instant of cadet life is centered within Barracks.

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◂VMI embraces an appreciation of the past while moving forward with the latest technological advances in all aspects of academic studies.

Courtesy of VMI PIO

◂Virginia Mourning her Dead sits amid a blanket of snow keeping silent vigil over the cadets who had fallen at New Market.

THE STANDARD

This is the Virginia Military Institute, the nation's oldest state military college. Founded in 1839 by a group of Virginia citizens who desired a permanent guard for the local armory, the Institute has endured social and economic changes, war, and the element of time to remain in the forefront of education in America.

The Institute can claim many laurels. It has contributed officers in every American conflict since the Mexican War and also boasts the most general or flag-rank officers of any state school.

VMI has also produced alumni who have risen to highest levels of national prominence.

> ***"The healthful and pleasant abode."***

George C. Marshall '01 stands as VMI's most distinguished graduate. During World War II, Marshall rose to the rank of five star general and Army Chief of Staff. He later served as Secretary of State and received the Nobel Peace Prize for developing the Marshall Plan. He was praised both by Roosevelt and Churchill as the man directly responsible for the Allied victory.

Today, cadets from every state and several foreign countries strive to emulate the highest of standards set by this great man. Their diligence in attaining high levels of achievement are evident in every facet of the Institute.

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▲George C. Marshall Class of '01 sits with his staff in coatee and full dyke.
▸Rats strive to meet the high standards of VMI.

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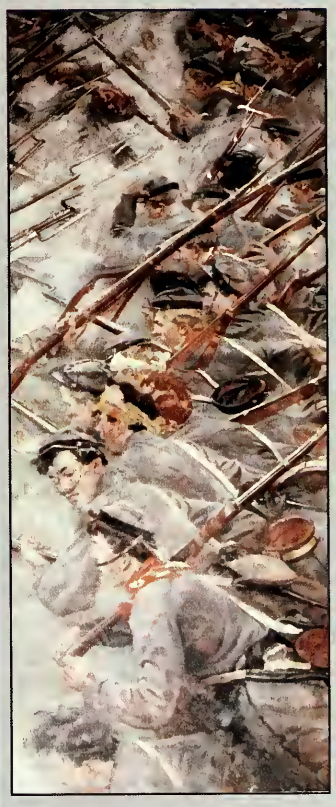

Courtesy of VMI PIO

▲The New Market Cadets embody the spirit of each member of the Corps.
◀The VMI Color Guard serves the Institute with superior bearing and class.

ATTENTION to Detail

James Pugel

▸A surprise visit by General Patton (Rob Johnson) helps the Corps get motivated for the game against West Point.

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ASPECTS

◂Rats enter the mess hall after supper roll call (SRC).

▴Rat Thomas Johnson undergoes the "honor" of being the First Rat Sentinel. This post was first marched by John B. Strange November 11, 1839.

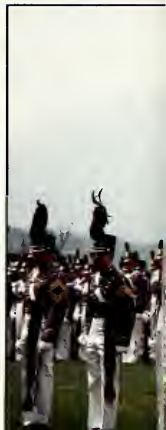
Candid Color Photography

▸Col. Dabney reflects on the sacrifice given by the Corps of Cadets so many years ago.
▾It was the soldiers' biggest sacrifice — they gave their lives on the field of honor.

Jeff Sauntry

▸The VMI Honor Guard displays their appreciation during the New Market Day ceremonies.

Matt Zahorsky



It was a day to honor those who gave the greatest sacrifice. It was . . .

New Market Day

The message came at nine o'clock in the evening of May 9, 1864. The Cadets awoke to the sound of drums calling assembly in Washington Arch. A message from General Breckenridge was read which called for them to help stop a Union advance that threatened General Lee's flank. They could not believe their good fortune — they were finally going to fight for the Confederacy! Early next morning, 264 cadets marched off into the pages of history.

The Cadets met with General Breckenridge's army on May 12, near the small town of New Market. It was originally Breckenridge's intention for the Corps to be used as reserves, but as the battle progressed, a gap formed in the Confederate line around Bushong's Hill. Breckenridge was left with no choice. "Put the boys in . . . ," he said, "and may God forgive me for the order."

A Union charge was then ordered against the Cadets' position at Bushong's farm. The fighting was short and bloody, but the charge was repulsed. The Union troops were disorganized and without leadership. The Confederates, seeing this, ordered a counter-charge. At first, nothing happened. But then the Cadets jumped forward, and with a Rebel Yell, led the charge up the hill. This charge started a disorganized retreat by the Union forces, causing their entire army to withdraw. Lee's flank was once again secure, thanks to the bravery and leadership shown by the Corps.

Five cadets were killed outright and five died later from their wounds. Forty-seven other cadets were wounded in the battle. Every year on May 15, the Corps of Cadets observe New Market day by marching in a solemn parade. The names of the ten cadets are called out, and a representative cadet answers with, "Died on the field of honor, sir!" The day reminds us of the sacrifice and dedication that was shown on May 15, 1864 by the Institute's brave sons.

- Mike Wallace -

Jeff Saunty

▲The Commandant and First Captain place a wreath beside The Virginia Mourning Her Dead statue.
◄The Corps forms up to parade in honor of New Market Day.

Candid Color Photography

After weeks of grueling work, the Corps was soon motivated for...

HOMECOMING

From Friday afternoon until Sunday night, Homecoming Weekend provided cadets with the reward they needed most - a time to escape from the doldrums of Institute life and enjoy the pursuits of happiness.

With the formality of the Friday Parade review out of the way, the cadets were filled with eager anticipation for what was to come. Lexington flower shop business boomed as cadets prepared for their dates. Then, donning a coatee and a smile, many a cadet was seen escorting his date to the Cocke Hall dance floor. With the band playing, the refreshments flowing, and all the lovely ladies dancing around, The hop in itself was quite a spectacle to see. Cocke hall was set up in it's usual glamorous decor, with multicolored streamers adding to the ambiance of the festivities. There was more than enough room in the spacious gym for the entire Corps and their dates to dance, socialize, and enjoy. While some danced the night away with the girl of their dreams, others prepared for the events that would follow the mandatory two hours. After all, what is a Hop without all the "priveleges" that follow?

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As Saturday rolled around, the Corps fought their pounding heads, the bright lights, and their unmercifully queasy stomachs in order to look "perfect on parade". The VMI Keydet ability to "drive on", coupled with the fact that there was still one hop left in the weekend was enough to motivate them. The result was a successful parade.

At the football game a new attitude was presented in the stands. All cadets, from the lowest rats to the most dignified rankers showed their support for the players by standing up and bellowing out words of encouragement. Led on by the mad-capped antics of the Virginia Gentlemen, the crowd cheered the Keydets on to a 24-21 victory over the JMU Dukes.

During halftime the part that many had been waiting for finally arrived — the presentation of the Homecoming Court. Ten lovely ladies and their proud escorts strutted across the field to be introduced to an anxious crowd. Miss Renae Puckett, the Golf company representative from Radford University, was awarded the coveted title of "Homecoming Queen".

Unfortunately, the weekend quickly drew to a close. Cadets said a sad farewell to their female companions and prepared to face the ever-present monotony of Institute life. With the first hop behind them and many more to come, they went back to the tedious life of marching, studying, and shining armed only with the hope of having another weekend to look forward to at the end of six days . . . that is, if they did not become too "confined".

- Jim Delk -

Candid Color Photography

◂Miss Renae Puckett's happiness is quite apparent here as she is crowned Homecoming Queen.
▾Tony Scales (2) on the quarterback keeper against JMU during the Homecoming game.

Matt Zahorsky

Candid Color Photography

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◂◂The Corps and their dates kick up some dust in the Cocke Hall dance floor.
◂Greg Hurst and Charlie Cathcart do their best John Travolta impersonation at the Hop.

Every year, each company painstakingly chooses the most beautiful damsel of acquaintance. The Cadet Program Board decides who is the loveliest of all the lovelies, earning the crown of homecoming queen.

Homecoming Queen - Miss Renae Puckett - Golf
Escorted by Cadet Michael Howard

Miss Sonya Henderson - Delta
Escorted by Cadet
Lance Yarborough

Miss Heather Keever - Echo
Escorted by Cadet
A.J. Bonoldi

Miss Windy Conner - Foxtrot
Escorted by Cadet
Stan Chien

'91 HOMECOMING COURT

Miss Laura Vaugh - Alpha
Escorted by Cadet
Thoman Dumouchelle

Miss Angela Locke - Bravo
Escorted by
Cadet Chad Sutton

Miss Diedra Mattox - Charlie
Escorted by
Cadet Rob Johnson

Miss Rachel Anderson - Hotel
Escorted by Cadet
Erik Fuller

Miss Amy Thomason - India
Escorted by Cadet
Richard Lee

Miss Melanie Reipma - Band
Escorted by Cadet
John Ward

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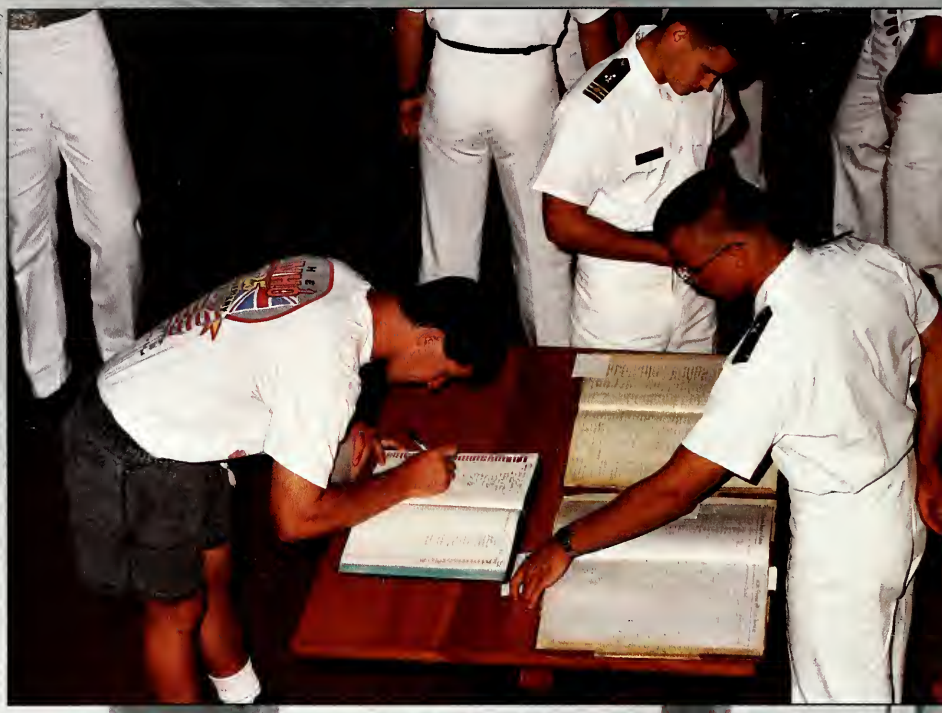

▸The first step towards joining the Institute is done by entering your name in The Book.
▾This individual is being directed towards his academic advisor during in-processing.

Candid Color Photography

▸This mom gives just one last hug before her beloved truly "leaves the nest"

Jeff Saunty

It's the begining of the end — a short process that seems to last forever. It is . . .

MATRICULATION

Matriculation. A word that stirs up fond memories for each VMI man, past, present, or future. For many new cadets, it's the passing of a family tradition. For all matriculants though, it is one of the greatest undertakings of their lives. For over 150 years, young boys have entered VMI's halls, hoping to call themselves "VMI men". Some have failed. Some have succeeded. For all of those who succeeded, it is the greatest achievement of their lives.

As they awoke the morning of August 15, these matriculants had no idea what the day held in store for them. Many of them joked with each other when the S-5 staff formed them up into their respective companies in the new courtyard. Their jokes ceased when they realized that the S-5 guides had vanished from sight. The new cadets watched in awe as the cadre members marched into the center of the courtyard and took their post. Cadet David Raucher, Regimental Executive Officer, addressed the new cadets as Rats for the first time. With the words "Rats, meet your cadre," Cadet Raucher turned the Rats over to the "tender care" of their cadre. All hell broke loose.

From the courtyard, the Rats began their journey into VMI. While some were escorted to the Quarter Master's Department for uniform issue, others were taken to the Barber Shop for their first Rat haircut. For most however, the most heart-racing part of the day was the trip to the racquetball courts. That was their first introduction to the Rat Disciplinary Committee. The RDC issued the rats their Rat Bibles, that sacred book which contains the information that a Rat is required to know at all times.

That night, they were finally allowed to fall into their racks for a night of blissful slumber. Unfortunately for them, the rest was cut much shorter than they imagined. Upon Cadet Raucher's signal, the cadre began kicking in their doors for the traditional Hell Night. The Rodents were rushed down the stairs and towards their meeting with the RDC, spurred on by the motivational sounds of M60 fire and Little John II. In Cocke Hall, a single light illuminated the intimidating figure of Cadet John Childs, RDC Vice President. In his speech, he explained the RDC's role to the Rats, "We will mold you. We will bend you . . ." Cadet Childs and the RDC were described as "Satan and his Minions."

The Rats departed Cocke Hall, exercising their privilege to "strain," and were rushed into the new courtyard. Soon, they were addressed by First Class President Dan Joseph. In his speech, Cadet Joseph introduced the Rats to the three upper classes and then signalled the start of the first "sweat party." First Classmen and cadre members stormed into the courtyard to work the Rats out, while the rest of the Old Corps screamed and cheered in delight, for the 1990-1991 Ratline had officially begun. In the words of First Class RDC member Dan Buckley, the night was "Outstanding!"

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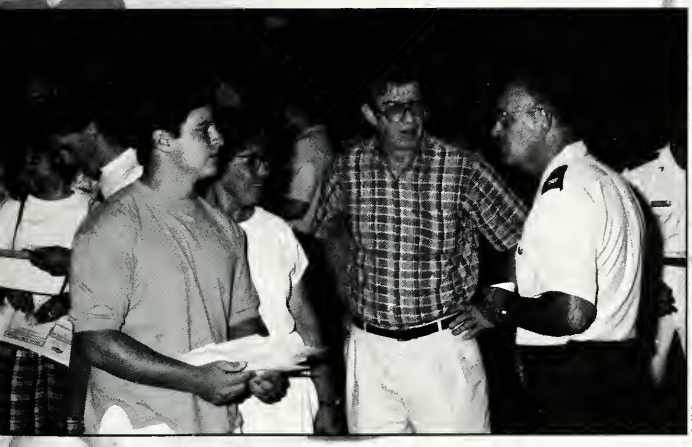
- Charles Leggett -



Jeff Sauntry

We laughed, we cried, we STRAINED high school days goodbye for the

RAT LIFE

The Ratline is the most challenging experience the Institute has to offer. By adjusting to its hardships, a Rat slowly develops the attributes of a VMI Cadet. He enters the Institute unaware of these expectations, but is forced to adapt to the demands of the upperclassmen. He is subjected to hardships and humiliation which can only be overcome with help from his fellow Brother Rats and his own perseverance. More than a period of indoctrination, the Ratline is a day-to-day struggle to prove the worthiness of the individual.

> ***. . . can only be overcome with help from his Brother Rats***

Life inside barracks provides a continually demanding environment. Some are squaring corners as they strain while others are reciting passages from their Rat Bibles. Upperclassmen often stop them to ask questions on the Honor System and Institute history. Failure to recite this information in a quick, accurate, word-for-word manner results in some form of punishment. This may consist of

Jeff Saunitry

▸ Rats have a great time during pep rallies. Part of the fun is causing havoc with the Third Classmen on their stoop.

▸ It is the Rat's duty to march post while on guard. This is a tradition that has held since the birth of the Institute.

Jeff Saunitry

▸▸The main goal of the Ratline is to bring together a mass of individuals, and transform them into a VMI class united.

Jeff Saunitry

◂ Just one of many face-to-face encounters this Rodent will have on a given day.

▸ The cement floor of the First Stoop becomes a familiar sight to all Rats in the course of a year.

a thunderous reprimand or twenty pushups. Severe neglect of Rat Bible knowledge will result in an invitation to the Rat Disciplinary Committee (RDC).

The penalty for neglect of his Rat Bible is given at meetings of the RDC. Both the meetings and the resulting Rat Tours require a great deal of time and energy from a Rat already taxed by the stresses of the Ratline.

In addition to the demands of the Ratline, classroom requirements must be met. They provide a break from barracks life, but remain as another obstacle to overcome. Homework consumes much of the Rat's night-life.

The regimen of the Ratline forces the individual to test the true character of his personality. With the helping hand of his Brother Rats, he must overcome many obstacles. Grit, persistence, and determination are necessary in the day-to-day struggle. Each day is a step closer to Cadetship, and the completion of the Ratline — yet to some, the end never feels near.

Jeff Saunitry

By Robert Browning

Being very health AND fun conscious, cadets look forward to . . .

INTRAMURALS

After the final bell rings Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, every Keydet rips off his class uniform, and slips into "the old standby" of red shorts, yellow T-shirt, and tennis shoes. The sleepy scowl seen in the classrooms are quickly replaced by beaming boyish grins. The cadet has had a hard day at work, and is more than ready for a hard day at play. When the bugle makes the final call, it is time for intramurals, and the games begin.

The purpose of intramurals is to keep all of those slugs that are not on an athletic team in the prime of physical condition. Everybody knows that a sound mind must be kept in a sound body, and as one third of the three legged stool, intramurals is the tool by which this condition is achieved. The "Mother I" provides several enjoyable activities to cater to an adverse variety of tastes.

Everybody knows that a sound mind must be kept in a sound body . . .

Among these activities are various non-contact sports. Flag football, basketball, soccer, and run-for-life(rack) are but a few of a plethora of choices that are available to the Corps of Cadets. These activities inspire a sense of sportsmanship as well as pro-

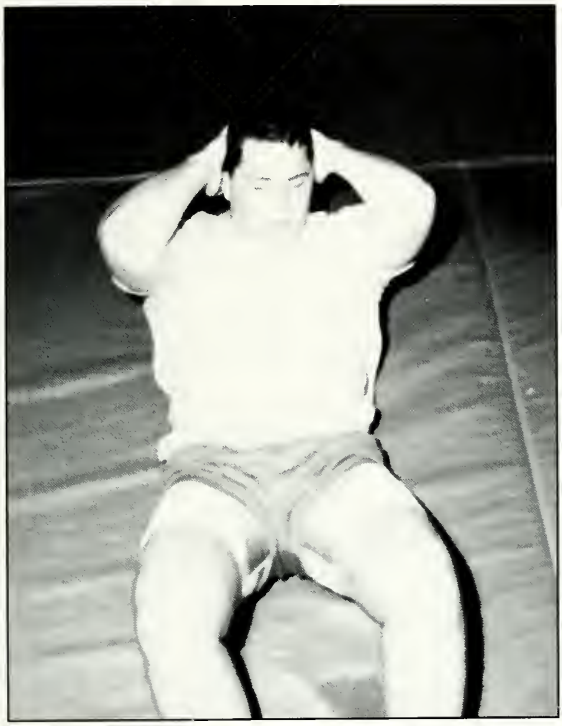
▸ **Special Operations platoon prepares to start training with their M-16s.**

Jeff Sauntry

Jeff Sauntry

◂ It's doubtful that this is a lucky save, as this volleyball player handles the ball with considerable skill and dexterity. Our team plays like they grew up along the beaches of California.

▾ Cadets tone and shape their bodies to get fit and enhance their self pride. This also helps prevent the tub-of-lard syndrome which occasionally occurs with the more laxidazial cadet.



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moting the ideals of healthy competition.

Often times, the physical merits of intramurals are surpassed by the release of stress that they provide. With all the military and academic obligations required by the average cadet, this can be a valuable asset indeed. A sound mind in a sound body is the goal that all cadets strive to achieve. It is with intramurals that this can be possible for everyone. Many a man has returned to his barracks room and plopped down on a rack in satisfied exhaustion. He is tired, but more than ready for the evening's demands behind the books.

By Jason Held and Peter Stuart

Jeff Sauntry

◂ The VMI volleyball team takes their playing seriously. Hard work and effort go into every practice, as they drill to prepare for competitive meets at other schools.

Jeff Sauntry

◂ Some people opt to play basketball during intramurals. There is no referee for the games, so the cadets are allowed a relaxing game by themselves. These games can get a bit rough, but are still just for fun.

With the books away, cadets shall play, so some spent time for . . .

SUMMER TRAINING

ARMY

Sean P. Boyle

With the beginning of summer, the challenge of Advanced Camp becomes a reality for the third level military science students. This past year was no different for forty-five VMI cadets who attended Camp All-American '90 this past summer. The commitment to excellence from the Army branch instructors and the persistence of the cadets paid off with the best camp performances in the recent history of VMI Army ROTC and the Marshall New Market Battalion. This can be directly related to the quality training received and the confidence instilled in the camp-bound cadets.

This year's advanced camp was held in the heat and humidity of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. With the 82 Airborne working in support of Camp, the cadets learned the proper techniques of leading their peers on patrolling operations, the opportunities to lead troops, and the confidence in becoming an Army officer.

The aspect which camp is trying to accomplish the most is the evaluation of your leadership and ability to be a successful Army officer. This is shown through technical competence and through the actions portrayed to the other ROTC cadets. The forty-five graduates of Camp All American will be able to successfully lead their platoon no matter what the situation.

▸ To be good officers, you must first be good soldiers. Therefore, weapon proficiency is an important part of cadet training. This cadet is practicing with an M-60 machine gun.

John Hale

▸ John Hale trains at Hohenfels Combat Maneuver Training Center (FRG).

AIR FORCE

Flight training is only one of the many opportunities available to Air Force cadets. Four weeks field training is mandatory for all those seeking a commission. Although cadets from other colleges are exposed to the Air Force lifestyle, this is the first time in Air Force blues for most VMI cadets. During the four-week period, cadets are introduced to drill and ceremonies, survival tactics, career opportunities, and a variety of physical activities such as leadership reaction courses, combat courses, and team sports.

During the summer between second and first class years cadets who are pilot candidates must attend either Light Aircraft Training for ROTC (LATR) or participate in the Private Pilots License (PPL) program. Other options include Army or Air Force Academy Airborne School, Advanced Training Program (ATP), or Survival Training.

Regardless of the training, VMI cadets get to see what Air Force life will be like. They come from many different backgrounds, but quickly learn that we must work together to succeed. We realize that flying is only one of the many categories that make up the Air Force, and that no matter what your specialty is, there is one key ingredient to success of the Air Force mission - TEAMWORK.

Air Force ROTC dept.

Gary E. Rose

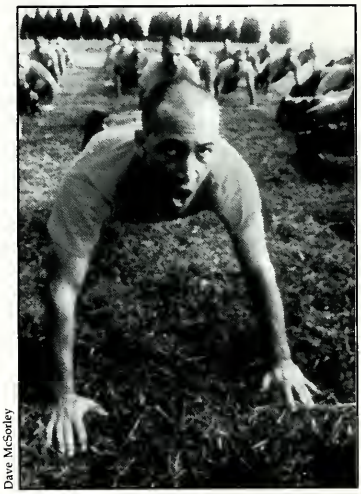
▲ These are T-38s flying in formation. They are used in undergraduate pilot training after commissioning.

◄ Gary Rose prepares for his next flight on a T-41. This is the basic training aircraft available to Air Force ROTC cadets.

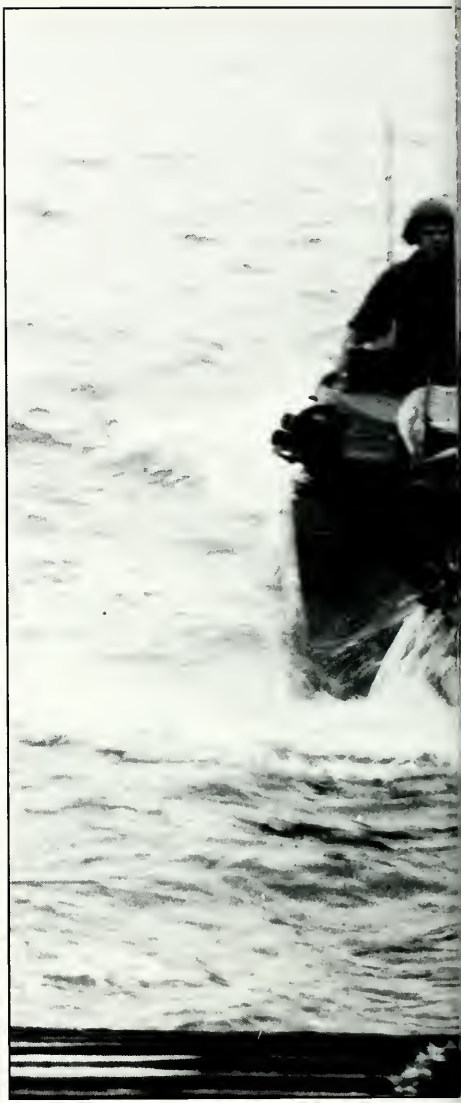
Summer Training *Marine Corps*

"Many are called, but few are chosen." This adage could very well be applied to the Marine-Corps commissioning program here at VMI. The pervading influence and mystique of the Corps at VMI is unarguable; sometimes it seems that half the Third Class, and many of the Rats, want to be Marines. However, by the second semester of second-class year, the ranks of would-be Marine officers have thinned considerably: roughly thirty men train to go to Officer Candidates' School (OCS).

The training pays off. The class of 1991 went to Bulldog and returned with the best scores in the nation for "large" colleges. Cadets Tony Marro, Tom Heffern, and Martin Heinze were Company Honor Men, and Cadet Craig Streeter was a Platoon Honor Man. Cadets Streeter and Heinze tied for the OCS physical fitness award, each with a perfect, 100% score! This was so unprecedented, that certificates had to be specially made. All but one of the twelve men attending Bulldog last summer placed in the top half of their companies. The cadets' performance at OCS can be traced back to the training they received here at VMI by the dedicated Marine Corps Staff. According to Cpt. Mckenzie (VMI's pre-Bulldog instructor), the class of '91's performance was "better than my first year here, and the best in the Institute's history. Clearly the best in the nation." What more can be said? SEMPER FIDELIS.



Dave McSorley



▸ **Cadets Chip McClean and Dave McSorley smile happily upon the completion of their Bulldog (OCS) training.**

VMI USMC Dept.

NAVY

The purpose of midshipman training is to provide cadets with the chance to see the different branches of the Navy. While at all of these stations, they act as junior officers and perform junior officer duties.

Through full integration into shipboard life, midshipmen acquire a basic understanding of Navy life. Men spend most of their time in the various departments associated with shipboard organization. This includes engineering, weapons/deck, operations and damage control. During their first three weeks as enlisted sailors, the midshipmen are assigned to 2nd or 3rd class Petty Officers. This "running mate" serves as the principle instructor during the final week of training.

While this four week cruise cannot take the place of actual job experience, it does provide a sound background for future training after commissioning. Summer training cruises provide midshipmen with the opportunity of hands-on experience no Naval ROTC unit can give. It serves as the starting point from which all future training can be built upon.

◂ Here stands a midshipman underway watch on the "Mighty Manny"- USS Manitowac LST-1180.

▴▴ Bringing USMC Amphibious Assault Vehicles aboard during exercises off Onslow Beach, NC.

▴ This helicopter comes in for a landing after conducting operations.

Military is in the name, but the diploma will be earned through . . .

ACADEMICS

Academics and VMI are often considered contradictory terms. At no other college in the country is a student's day so full of activities, meetings and military obligations. Where then, do academics fit in? For many cadets, academics are given second priority to the other two legs of the VMI triad: the military and athletic fields. But VMI is a college after all, and as the old saying goes, "Shined brass and shoes will not get you a diploma!"

> ***"Shined brass and shoes will not get you a diploma."***

Cadets often complain that teachers do not understand just how busy they are. Some cadets learn how to cope with this new environment early — these are the ones who will achieve academically. Unfortunately, others never quite learn to manage their time effectively. These cadets become very familiar with the words "Academic Probation."

The S-2 program is designed to look out for the academic concerns of the Corps of Cadets, especially rats. From day one, the rats' academic performance is closely monitored by the S-2 staff and the Office of Assessment and Advising. Each company has two academic advisors as well, to meet with the rats and discuss academic problems. Additionally, the S-2 staff provides tutors in

Matt Zahorsky

▲Cadets have ten minutes in between classes. Most will only encounter a five minute walk at most.

Jeff Saunry

▶CDT Todd Brickhouse intently reviews the English notes on the insides of his eyelids.

several subjects at no cost to the student. Yet in the end, it is up to the individual cadet to take the initiative and seek needed help.

Saturday classes are called an anachronism by many at VMI, including faculty members. Some say that they seem to serve little purpose, when many are absent for one reason or another. Some even overload their weekday class schedules to avoid the dreaded Saturday classes. The Academic Board has looked into the problem and we may see some changes, but probably not soon enough to help the current First classmen.

There are ways to earn recognition at VMI for superior academic achievement and these serve as a motivating factor for many cadets. If a cadet earns over a 3.0 grade point average for a semester, he will receive four academic days to be used during the next semester. These are one of the best privileges at VMI, as they can be used to extend normal weekends or furloughs. If more than a 3.5 grade point average is earned in a year, he earns the gold stars of academic distinction. Academic stars are a very respected symbol of recognition for a cadet to wear on his uniform.

VMI provides a fertile environment for a cadet to work to achieve his fullest academic potential. Although the demands on a cadet's time are many, those cadets with academic days and stars prove that even here, it is not impossible to excel in academics.

- Michael Milner -

Jeff Saunty

Matt Zahorsky

▲▲CDT Steve Calahan knocks out a little homework in the barracks study room.

▲Dr. Williams goes over some calculus with a third classman.

A tradition that most cadets come to dread is a tour on the . . .

GUARD TEAM

Pulling guard. It is a duty that everyone dreads. Whether it is the jingling of keys, the incoherent turnouts, or the cries of "Let my Brother Rat go, sir!," the sounds of the guard team permeate barracks. Visible twenty-four hours a day, the guard team is always there to keep barracks and the Institute safe and secure.

Cadets carry on the tradition John B. Strange initiated on that cold night in 1839.

The guard team still performs a variety of duties. Rat sentinals maintain a quiet atmosphere during evening study hours and take care of raising an lowering the flags under the watchful eyes of their corporals. Third class orderlies answer the phones and assign Rat supernumeraries to deliver messages and packages. Second Class recorders process the myrid of message slips and enter the plethora of bones into the computer. Supervising the twenty-seven man team are the Sergeant of the Guard (SOG), Officer of the Guard (OG), and their overseer, the Officer of the Day (OD). Other duties include stretcher teams for sweat parties and parades, sectioning parts of barracks off during pep rallies, and insuring that penalty tours are run smoothly.

This year there were some changes in the guard team. Guard mount times fluctuated between early morning and evening and the power afforded to the OD in the past was reduced to token authority. Meanwhile, Kilbourne Hall pulled its officers out of the Officer in Charge (OC) ranks in order to improve relations with the

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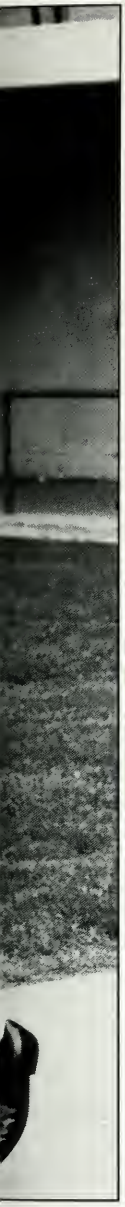
▸CDT James Pugel models the latest in summer wear for an Officer of the Day.



Bob Townend

Corps. Thus, Institute officials became the new tactical officers in barracks, including the Commandant and newly appointed Sergeant-Major.

Even today cadets still carry on the tradition John B. Strange initiated on that cold night in 1839. While the duties and personnel have increased dramatically since its inception, the guard team continues to exert its sense of security within the hallowed walls of barracks.

Recorders process the myrid of messages and enter the plethora of bones into the computer.

Their job is more than just ceremonial. When the occasional raid or even the rare emergency occurs, it is the VMI Guard team that first responds to the call for help. When someone is injured, the guard is swift to come to his aid. During the more rowdy Rat activities (raids on the RDC and Third Stoop), it is their job to maintain the health and safety of cadet in barracks.

Cadets on guard must keep the best appearance, and be on their best behavior, as they are the first thing the public eye sees. Whether a loved one or a tourist, every guard team member must have sharpened public relations skills coupled with a polite manner and bearing. We have an image to uphold, and for some cadets, it is a big sacrifice to not do those crazy things Keydets sometimes do.

Sacrifices are often made on guard. Cadets get behind in studies and spend hours into the night catching up. Yet, in the long run, it is all for the better, as the cadets uphold the old and useful tradition of running barracks.

- Jim Delk -

Matt Zahorsky

Jeff Sauntry

▲RDC president Scott Smith prepares to inspect the rifle of a Rat Sentinal.

Matt Zahorsky

▲Cadets do not have phones in their rooms, so if someone wishes to contact a cadet by phone, they must call the guard room and ask to have a message delivered.
◂A guard team prepares for guard mount, a formal inspection that insures the readiness of a new guard team.

Buckle on your boots and spurs, Rats, because it's time for . . .

RAT TRAINING

As the sun arises each morning so does the weary, lonesome Rat. His day is a series of challenges which he must face, meet, and overcome in a search of success at the Institute. Rat Training proves to be one of these challenges. Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon the hapless rodent is pushed to extremes which redefine the definition of personal limitation.

> ***They grow closer to each other due to the hardships that they endure.***

Every day, each company of Rats hurdles a new routine. The routines range from a grueling ascension up House Mountain to the free fall experience of the zip wire. There are obstacle courses to be conquered and barriers to be climbed en route to the completion of training. Each specific routine offers intense physical improvement.

Physical improvement remains a most significant function of Rat Training. The participant often finds himself in frightening situations which he does not wish to perform. Plummeting off of a tree branch into chilly water or scaling intimidating rope ladders are just examples of tasks that the Rat must perform. He finds cour-

Jeff Sauntry

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▲During a break in a distance run, Rats push themselves implementing pushups, pull-ups and situps.

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▸Coach King, head of the physical education department, provides the guidance needed to insure a successful program.

age within himself to carry out these tasks even when overcome with apprehension. This builds a strong, confident personality. Yet most importantly, Rat Training is the first basic building block most essential to the Ratline — unity and friendship. To overcome an obstacle, Rats must encourage and motivate one another to put out that last bit of effort to get the job done. When a rope swing appears too intimidating to attempt, he is pushed, supported and encouraged to step a bit further than he ever could alone. In the end, they grow closer to one another because of what they accomplished.

This training requires plenty from the Rat. He knows he must push himself mentally and physically, but it is an integral part to the growth of a Rat and one which he can look upon with satisfaction. There are times when he feels he must rest, but in the end he drives on. Rat Training has taken him one more step closer to making him a member of the corps.

- Robert Browning -

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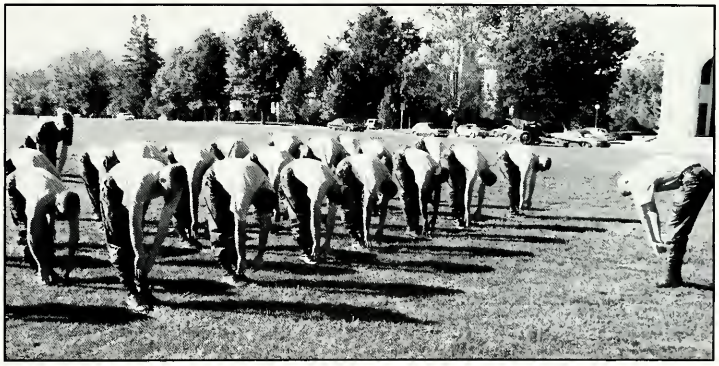

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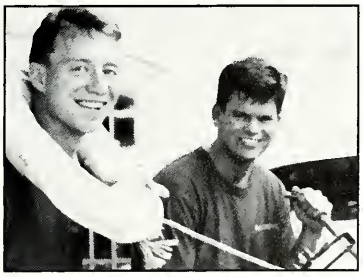

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◂◂Rats must conqueror many obstacles during training.

◂Members of the Rat Training cadre take a break after a hard day's work.

▴The training cadre leads the Rats in stretching every day before activities.

Cadets have the youthful vigor of life, and so are often discovered

BREAKING RULES

The saying that V. M. I. is a good place to be from but not a good place to be at still holds true. Despite the numerous enjoyable activities available, cadets still seek alternate forms of entertainment. Often times these don't meet with the approval of the more conservative elements in the administration, nor do they conform to regulations. As a result, breaking Institute policy has become quite a hobby for many cadets.

Departing post after Taps to party is not an uncommon practice. Nor are trips to see that 'special' young lady. The more daring/stupid types like to add an air of danger by bringing the parties and ladies into barracks. Due to the larger penalties associated with these actions, many revert to practical jokes because they can't stomach risking freedom for greater adventure. Targets range from Rats, to roommates, and even to guard team members. Water balloons, and assorted fireworks are the tools of the trade. Jokes are

. . . breaking the rules is to relieve boredom . . .

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. . . TRY NOT TO GET CAUGHT

Petty, GE - Improperly dressed in Academic Building. Allowing fellow cadet to be improperly dressed in front of female civilian, and allowing female civilian in academic building. Deliberate, blatant disrespect to a member of the faculty while serving as Officer-in-Charge.
12 Dec 1990 — 10 demerits, 2 weeks confinement, and 10 PT's . . . apologize to OC.

Jeff Sauntry

▸ Cadet Andrew Apostle displays the Confinement/PT sheets, which lists all those who are "doing time" for their naughtiness.

not intended to hurt anyone, but serve to relieve tensions that build up as a result of daily Institute rigmarole.

The best excuse a cadet can give for breaking the rules is to relieve boredom, but some do it for the sheer sport of seeing if they can pull off their latest scam. Successful escapades, broken rules and penalties assessed for failing to get away with murder are the sources of pride for many cadets. Bragging rights give birth to the roots of many nostalgic conversations held before and after graduation which serve as a binder to cadets everywhere. The martyrs of cadet legends and myths are those who have attained the highest penalties. They are valorized by recognition in their own clique called the "Number One Club". Those who are less willing to risk catching the Institute's baleful eye seek to minimize risks taken, thus avoiding the dubious honor of being inducted into this infamous club. But, in the event that the guilty are apprehended, they take their punishment like men.

During the course of confinement men learn a lot while marching their many penalty tours. Cadets ponder their infraction while praying to God that the governor will grant amnesty. More often than not, the lesson learned is how to better circumvent the rules. When asked if he has learned anything, a typical cadet response would be, "Sure! Next time I won't get caught uptown after taps by the OCMNI! And, I certainly won't be stupid enough to walk into the guard room wearing my civvies while while the officer of the day is there."

Will we ever learn? Probably not. As long as there are rules there will be an abundance of resourceful cadets lining up to break them. They give themselves one more way to show that even a military man can be free.

- By Andrew Apostle -

Jeff Sauntry

◂ Here Wade Sheldon is preparing for the evening's "Great Escape".

Best of times and the worst of times, but always times of great CORPS SPIRIT

This has definitely been a time of high spirits for the Corps of Cadets. Many changes were made to increase morale, and to bring us together as a whole. The Keydets showed increased enthusiasm during games, pep rallies, and Corps activities.

Battalion Pride Day was a refreshing new endeavor introduced this year. On that day, each of the three battalions chose an enjoyable activity to partake in. First battalion had a Ranger Pit competition, which pitted each company against one another, but helped strengthen the bonds between them when the dust cleared. Second battalion had an olympic competition, which included a marine obstacle course, buddy-run up Hospital Hill, and the VMI PFT. Third battalion sat together and watched the very inspirational movie, THE DIRTY DOZEN. There's nothing like a good Lee Marvin movie to boost morale. All in all, it was a smashing success, and more days like it are planned for the future.

But before the Corps looked towards the future, many were highly motivated for the present. Corps spirit and pride were enthusiastically shown during the various athletic events of the season. Everyone showed their encouragement for the home team by standing up during the football games. Not just the Rats, but every member of the Old Corps stood up, shouted and cheered to help fire the team up.

This positive attitude was spurred on with the help of the Virginia Gentlemen. It was part

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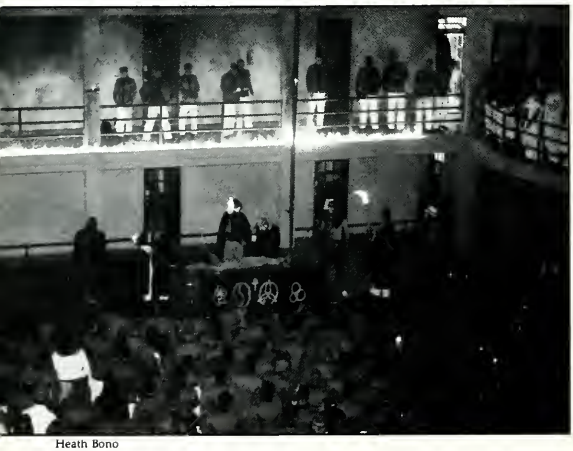

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▲ The Virginia Gentlemen hold a sacrifice for the great "VMI Spirit". The ceremony/pep rally was held a day before the game against William & Mary.

Matt Zahorsky

▸ Virginia Gentleman Rob Johnson and Col. Bissel discuss the next motivating cheer at the VMI-ARMY game.

creative vigor. With this came the birth of the "VMI Spirit", a specter who would smite down our opponents to the jubilee of the Corps. The Virginia Gentlemen were also the cause of other apparitions, such as a surprise visit by General Patton right before the VMI-ARMY game.

From matriculation to the end of exam certification, the Corps comes out to support all events, taking time to cheer the keydets while having fun in the process. It's no wonder why the enthusiasm lasts beyond graduation.

With all of the changes that have been made, this year's dramatic increase in Corps spirit is certainly the best. This did not go by unnoticed. The Administration observed this improvement, as well as a large number of alumni, saying that this is the best they have seen the Corps in ten years. Looking at this it is obvious that we have proven once more, "The Corps roots the loudest."

- By Jason Held -

Jim Pugel

Fred Oldfather

◂ The Rat Mass gets wild and funky during a pep rally. This is one of the few times during the year that they can really "let their hair down" and have fun.

▸ Brandon Freel fights like a rabid weasel as he struggles to toss his opponent out of the Ranger Pit during Company Pride Day. Although his team lost, he was the last in the pit, and it took the entire opposing team to remove him.

It was a time for jubilee, laughter, and fun. It was time for . . .

RING FIGURE

"Sheriff, we've got a report of several young men painting something HUGE on the rocks above Route 81 . . . " "Hey guys, is this stage LARGE enough for the band? . . . " "Okay Brother Rats, it seems that our class is too BIG for the Radisson and . . . "

. . . And so began Ring Figure '92, the underlying theme of which was size. This was not just in the Ring itself, but it was also in the weekend and the ties that VMI had placed between these men.

Up to the last minute it seemed that we'd never be ready — flowers, pictures, rings, and pianos; we had problems with them all but the Ring Figure Committee led by Bill Berry and Mark Thackston persevered. At Friday's Ring Presentation Ceremony we were treated to the eloquent words of our class officers Marc Orgain, Matt Ott, and Taylor Holt.

Friday afternoon saw many a happy face as we stared into our gems dreamily with the realization that the moment we were waiting for has finally come. With the initial ceremony complete, we congregated back at the hotels for a party — just the

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▲ Don't let his stone-cold face fool you, folks . . . before long, this cadet and his date will be dancing up a storm with the rest of the class of 1992.

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▸ Every year the Cannonball is given the honor of "dressing up" for Ring Figure.

warm-up for what was to come later.

After forming the Ring Figure on Friday evening we danced to swing and jazz provided by Buck's Band.

Saturday morning brought many groggy faces to the Parade Ground as '92 took command! Unfortunately this power did not extend to that afternoon's football game, a disheartening 17 - 0 loss to App. State. Yet did we allow this to ruin the mood of a perfectly good Ring Figure Weekend?

Of course not. This was soon forgotten as the class gleefully scrambled off to Richmond Party Headquarters- the Radisson. The delicious class dinner was also forgotten quickly as we began dancing to some fine tunes, including the local college favorite 'Lost In The Supermarket' — and inevitably many BR's became unbelievably lost in the Radisson!

With spinning heads and sore bodies, the class of '92 returned on Sunday night proud that they are now a part of the "Brotherhood of the Ring." In the days to follow, they proudly lift their fingers displaying the symbol of what they have achieved.

In retrospect it was an exhilarating weekend. The culmination of two years of work and admission into the Brotherhood was a joyous feeling, indeed. Making it back into Playboy's Top Ten after a two year absence and remembering the four "Don'ts"-Dykes, Drinking and Driving, and Damaging any hotel property was our challenge and '92 rose to meet it. Well, three out of four ain't bad!

- By Brian McCarthy -

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ATTENTION To Detail

▾MG Knapp and COL Bissel prepare to review the Corps of cadets during a weekly parade.

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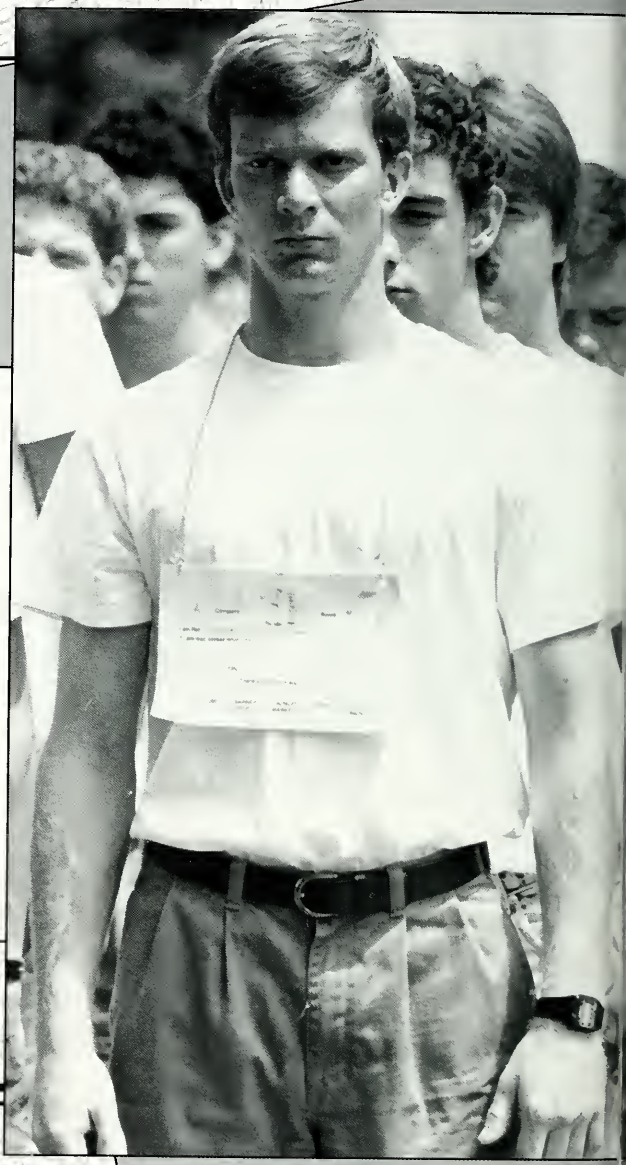
▸Civilian Lyon is about to undergo the metamorphosis into a Rat during his first day at the Institute.



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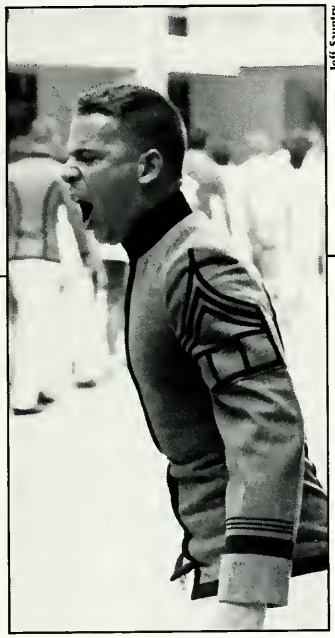

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▲CDT Billingsly administers a little motivation to a group of lethargic Rat-ties.

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▲The rugby team is show here partaking in a little innocent fun out at Ben Salem wayside.

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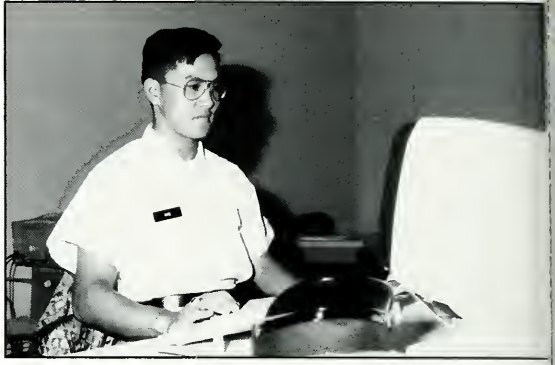

▸ Cadet Hin works in the Computer Science Lab in Mallory Hall.

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▲First Classmen Eddie Arnoldo, K. C. Jung and Greg Saukulak sit through a "typical" Saturday morning class.
▸David Ahrens and Jamie Tavener discuss world affairs in Ghetto corner of barracks.

Jeff Sauntry

CPT John Arthur

COL Dan Barr

The
Wonderful
World of . . .

ACADEMIA

Although a unique institution that challenges cadets with a many faceted college experience, one must not lose sight of the fact that attendance at VMI should be first and foremost an academic endeavor. The military and athletics, while an integral part of Institute life, play a supplemental role. An important aspect of academics is the nature of faculty/student relationships.

Spend any significant amount of time in the barracks, and one is sure to run across a myriad of complaints from disgruntled cadets concerning their professors' lack of compassion and understanding.

"I can't believe this, four tests on the same day!"

"These teachers just aren't in touch with the corps. How can they give us so much work? Don't they realize that we have about ten times as much to do as a regular college student?"

By the same token, many a cadet has heard faculty gripes about the attitudes of their students. Feelings run high concerning the view that overemphasis on the military system detracts from cadets'interest in academics. Sleeping in class, an omnipresent phenomenon in VMI academia, exemplifies perhaps the greatest of faculty frustrations. While some teachers choose to ignore snoozing students, others have taken the offensive in the war against the "rack monster," employing Nerf footballs and motorized water guns against cat-napping cadets.

Despite these minor problems, relations between faculty and students are generally good. In almost all cases, teachers make an extreme effort to make themselves available to cadets and are accommodating to VMI's demanding system. Cadets, though often tired or "burnt out," are generally quite responsible and will make an effort to fulfill their academic responsibilities. It appears that as long as both sides show a genuine interest and understanding for the other, faculty/student relationships go quite smoothly.

By George Hale

MAJ James Arthur
SFC Thomas Atkinson
CPT Kurt Ayau
Gabriel Balazs
MAJ Gordon Ball

David Bausum
COL Meredith Bedell
Richard Berry
CPT John Brodie
MAJ Mark Bryant

Cadet Steven Kostoff Spends A Year in Germany

ACHTüNG!

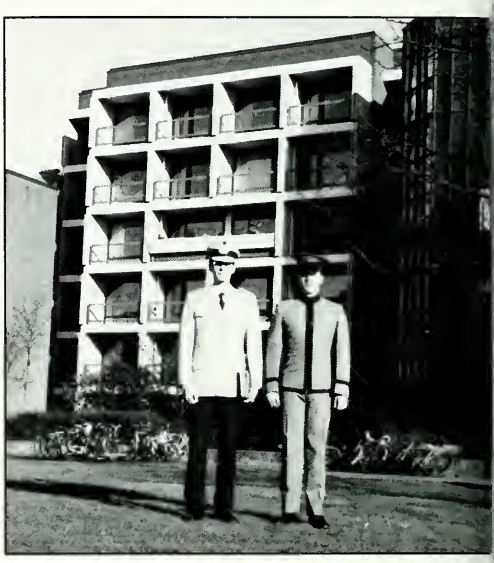
VMI has had a continuing exchange program with the Universitaet der Bundeswehr — University of the German Armed Forces — in Hamburg, FRG for more than three years. I was the third participant in the program, studying in Germany from October 1989 to June 1990. The program consists of sending over one VMI cadet to Germany and they send one German officer-student to us. This year however, we have expanded the program to include the second University of Bundeswehr in Munich and sent three VMI cadets while receiving two German officers.

My year in Germany was marked not only by what I did with the Bundeswehr, but also by being in direct contact with the historic events of 1989-90. I got to experience first-hand the fall of the Berlin Wall and the great changes of East Germany from the inside, and to see things that the news cameras can't show you — like how the Germans themselves reacted, their attitudes and so on. Such an event was priceless for me and my education. It's not often that one gets to directly experience history in the making.

The Germans were extremely helpful and very generous hosts. They did everything in their power to make my stay a worthwhile one and to help with the difficult task of adjusting to life in a foreign country. Our program with Bundeswehr will continue to flourish and provide cadets with the opportunity to learn about the German military and culture. It was certainly the best experience of my cadetship.

By Steven Kostoff

▾VMI's own stormtrooper Steven Kostoff stands in front of his barracks at the Bundeswehr.



SFC Steven Bryant
COL Dale Buckner
Nell Byers
COL Gordon Calkins
CPT Chris Caplice

D. Clayton James
David Coffey
CPT Leslie Cox
LTC D. M. Crim
COL Edward Daley

COL David Dupuy
LTC R. Eisel
CPT Ron Erchul
SGT Scott Fredrickson
COL Thomas Gentry

Cadet Evan Brown
Serves Tour in Shrivenham

BROWN DOES BRITAIN

▾Cadet Evan Brown takes a break from his "studies" in the Alps.

While I enjoy waking up every morning to see the sun rising over the Blue Ridge Mountains just as well as every other cadet at VMI, after Ring Figure I decided that it was time for a break from life at the "I". Luckily, COL Davis, who is the Director of Foreign Study for cadets, presented me with an ideal opportunity: live in England for a semester, fall in love with the best ales and beers in the world, and travel through Europe for a month visiting all of the places I had read about when I was a kid. The only hitch was that I had to attend classes at the Royal Military College of Science in Shrivenham in order to get credit for my vacation and graduate on time. Nice, Rome, Berlin, Vienna, Geneva, .. all for taking the same classes that I would have been at VMI. It was a sacrifice that I made willingly. While I was at RMCS, an officer from Shrivenham came to VMI to learn a little about the "colonies". This program has been active for about five years, with one or two cadets attending RMCS each year. The exchange is only for engineering and applied science majors, so in going I took revenge for the countless afternoons I spent in labs at VMI while all of Scott Shipp Hall migrated to the sun of "LA Beach".

By Evan Brown

COL D. Allan Carlsson
COL D. Rae Carpenter
LT R. H. Chandler
Arvid Christiansen
COL Edward Claiborn

COL James B. Davis
COL Thomas Davis
COL Albert Deal
MAJ Timothy P. Duggan
Kenneth Duncan

LTC John Gilbert
COL Edwin Goller
MAJ Jose Gomez
LTC John Gordon
LTC James R. Groves

French and Germen Officers Enjoy the Institute's Pleasures

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Early in the first semester, the VMI post took on a bit of an international flavor as a result of the presence of three foreign exchange students. Two were from Germany, Lt. Thomas Rohrs and Oberleutnant Klaus Nebe, while the third was a Frenchman, Emmanuel Pitsilis.

Rohrs, 26, and Nebe, 25, were both from the University of the Bundeswehr, a German army officer training school. A program established by Col. Wayne Thompson of the International Studies Department allows for an exchange of students between VMI and the German University each year. Here at the Insitute for approximately six weeks, the officers, both of whom are business/economics majors, said they enjoyed themselves immensely. They attended classes, lived in the BOQ, travelled throughout the state, and, perhaps most importantly, interacted closely with cadets, who served as their hosts. According to Rohrs, "the personal relationships we have developed here help to increase international understanding and thus constitute the most valuable experience of our trip."

Pitsilis, 22, came from the prestigious Ecole Polytechnique, which enjoys a close traditional relationship with VMI. At the Institute for six weeks, he not only participated in cadet activities but worked for B & G as well in order to fulfill a manual labor obligation required of all French collegians. He expressed respect for VMI, citing that there was no equivalent to it in France. However, he maintained doubts about certain aspects of the Institute, such as the Ratline. "VMI is a good school, but I would send my son to l'Ecole!" stated Pitsilis.

By George Hale

SFC Robert Habern
SGT Marion Halcli
Col Michael Harris
COL Willard Hays
MAJ William Henry

LTC Robert Johnson
COL James Joyner
MAJ Susan Kaplan
MAJ Noriko Kawamura
Clark King

Col Robert Ludt
Miles Mackey
TSG Roberto Martinez
William McCorkle
CPT K. McKenzie

Matt Zahorsky

Exchange students Emmanuel Pitsilis from France (left) and LT Thomas Rohrs and Oberleutnant Klaus Nebe (below) pose in front of VMI's monument to the citizen-soldier, the Cincinnatus.

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MAJ Tim Hodges
Mary W. Balazs
LT J. Izzo
COL Donald Jamison
LT J. Johnson

QMCS(SW) J. Koonce
LTC Kenneth Koons
Dr. Alan Lau
COL Thomas Lominac
CPT Keith Lovejoy

SGM Eric McMichael
LTC Ronald Meade
MAJ George Mechling
LTC Emily Miller
COL Richard Minnix

INSTITUTE

A Need For Increased Global Understanding

MAYERCHAK BRINGS A NEW MAJOR

Starting with the Class of '91, VMI will start graduating men of a new breed. Men educated in the fields of politics, foreign languages, economics, and history. In the example of George C. Marshall, they will strive to lead both the U. S. and world community into a "new world order." Who are these men of vision and dedication and who are their fearless and intrepid leaders? They are the International Studies (IS) majors and their leaders — Colonels Patrick Mayerchak and Wayne C. Thompson.

The current Persian Gulf War illustrates the critical need that leaders in all fields have a firm grasp of foreign affairs. The increasingly complex issues coupled with a shrinking and interdependent world community dictates that Americans can no longer isolate themselves from the goings-on across the oceans.

Colonel Mayerchak seems very enthusiastic about the new program which he desires to see strengthened. In his usual down home approach, with Creedence Clearwater Revival wafting in background he "wishes to retain the program's competitive nature by limiting the number of majors to about 25 per class." In other words, NO DUMMIES ALLOWED!

Away from the "I", the IS program is heavily involved in foreign study trips. Currently the program is involved in a German-Soviet Study Tour and an exchange program with the University of the Bundeswehr in Hamburg. A possible future trip currently in the works is one to the jungles of S. E. Asia and Taiwan. Also for those not pursuing a commission, the IS program offers summer internships with various government agencies.

IS cadets will be especially interested in the International Relations Club. The club, open to all cadets, participates in college model United Nations held at other universities. This year the club went to ODU and Princeton, winning several awards. These trips coupled with various conferences cadets attend throughout the year allow for both intellectual interchange and social opportunities with fellow students.

With the various and sundry programs available to them the IS cadets have every opportunity to achieve excellence in their field. Todays world is racked with war, tyranny, injustice, poverty, famine, disease, pollution, drugs, terrorism, and worst of all Roseanne Barr. These are the daunting challenges that face the leaders of tomorrow. Those of us in the IS department are supremely confident that VMI men will rise to the challenge. Today Scott Shipp Hall, tomorrow the world!

By George Hale

MAJ Gregory Mixon
COL Mike Monsour
LTC Charles Morgan
CPT Gary Morgan
CPT Michael Mumbach

LTC Daniel Y. Pharr
COL George Piegari
LTC Joaquin Ponce
LTC Robert Quinn
LTC Michael Reclam

COL A. Cash Koeniger
CPT Stephen Ross
MAJ Mark Schaffer
MAJ R. Wane Schneiter
LTC Larry Scott

Jeff Saunty

◂The new International Studies curriculum is headed by COL Patrick Mayerchak.
▾Cadets Brian Stone, "Squirrel" McSorely and Jon Watson discuss some worldly topics.

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MAJ Willard Neel
COL Lee Nichols
LT S. Noonen
LTC John H. Page
COL Philip Peters

GYSGT D. Reed
LTC Stephen Richarde
COL Steve Riethmiller
COL J. W. Ripley
SKC(SW) R. Rivera

CPT Michael Sexton
CPT David Shutt
MAJ Robert Simpson
COL Henry Skutt
CPT Adam Spenik

▸BG Lee D. Badgett, Provost and Dean of the Faculty.

▾During the 1960-61 academic year, these cadets, all members of the football team, were either presidents or vice-presidents of their classes at VMI. Left to right, they were Wyatt B. Durrette, Jr. '61, president of the first class; Lee D. Badgett '61, vice-president of the first class and regimental commander; Randolph E. Campbell '62, vice-president of the second class; John R. "Rudy" Amos '63, president of the third class; and Gilbert Andrew Tucker, Jr. '64, president of the fourth class.

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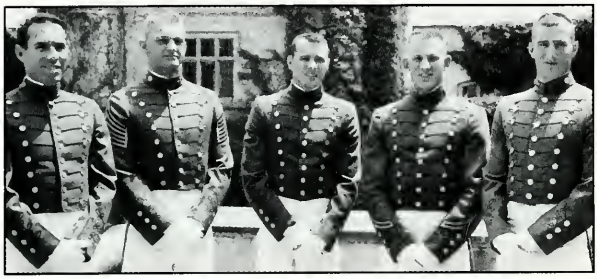

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MAJ Norman Stevens
LTC William Stockwell
COL Kerwin Stotz
MAJ Donald Sunnen

LT Lamont Toliver
Col Richard Trandel
CDR Blair Turner
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Anne Wells

MAJ R. Terrell Wilson
COL E. B. Wingfield
Asoke Wongcha-um
MAJ Douglas Woundy
COL Edward Zdinak

VMI Rhodes Scholar Is the Newest Addition to the Faculty

VMI WELCOMES A NEW DEAN

Brigadier General Lee D. Badgett, former professor of economics and dean of the ollege of business and technology at Califor-ia's Humboldt University, became VMI's ew provost and dean of the faculty on July , 1990. In the position, BG Badgett, a Rhodes Scholar, and a 1961 graduate from VMI, is second in command at the Institute nd the college's chief academic officer.

General Badgett, who holds five earned legrees, including two from Oxford and a Ph. D. in economics from Yale University, served 4 years in the U. S. Air Force before his ap-ointment at Humboldt State in 1985. His Air Force years include more than a decade of faculty duty at the Air Force Academy. In his last assignment there, 1976-81, he was permanent professor and head of the depart-nent of economics, management, and geography. From 1981 to 1984 he was head of the U. S. Defense Intelligence College, a professional, postgraduate education and research institution of Washington, D. C. The college enrolls approximately 6,000 students in programs through the master's degree.

During his Air Force career, BG Badgett, who was promoted to colonel in 1977, also served as assistant to the director of net assessment in the office of the Secretary of Defense; in Vietnam as a special international trade advisor and staff economist; and in London as an intelligence officer. He is the author of more than three dozen publications, presentations, and research activities, and is currently a member of the board of directors of the VMI Research Laboratories, Inc.

As a VMI cadet, Badgett, a native of Illinois, was Regimental Commander of the Corps of Cadets, vice-president of his class, and the starting center on the Southern Conference championship Keydet football teams of 1959 and 1960. A member of the VMI's Sports Hall of Fame , he was also co-captain of the 1960 team and a member of the national Pop Warner All-America Scholar-Athletes Team.

Following graduation from the Institute, where he received his degree in mathematics and won the Society of Cincinnati Medal, Gen. Badgett took advanced degrees in political history, philosophy, and economics at Oxford. He received the Ph. D. degree from Yale in 1971 and an honorary M. S. Degree in strategic intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College in 1985.

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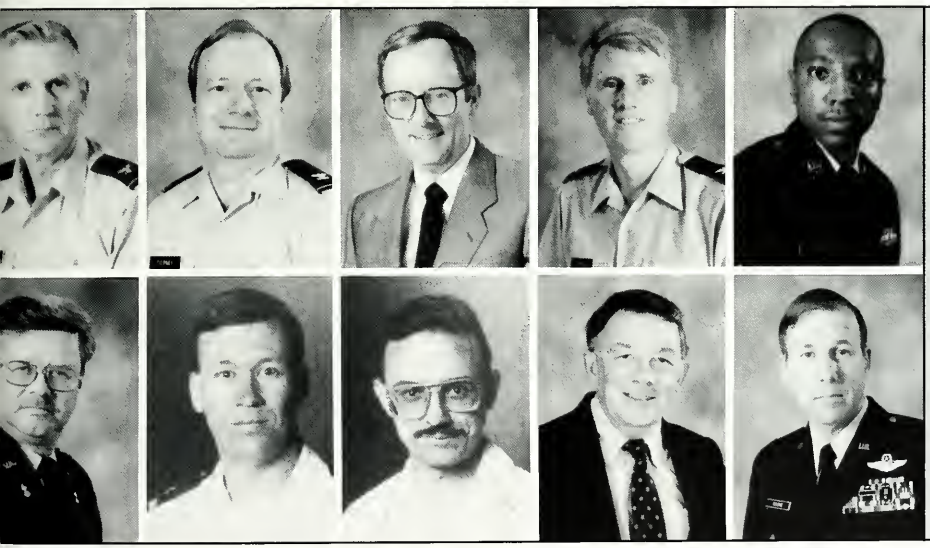


COL Fred C. Swope
COL Michael Tiemey
Ross Thomas
COL Wayne Thompson
SSGT Charles Thornton

COL Stanley Wetmore
LT J. White
YNC (SW) W. White
Gordon Williams
COL Ronald Williams

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The VMI chain of command was shaken up and reformed in 1990-91. General Knapp became the twelfth Superintendent, the commandant's office became a permanent position, and was filled by Col. Bissell, General Badgett became the new Provost and Dean of Faculty, and SGM Hockaday was acquired to aid in all aspects of cadet life.

Governor Douglas Wilder

Commander-in-Chief

Jeff Sauntry

Jeff Sauntry

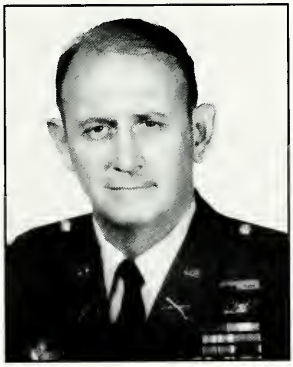
▲Gov. Wilder converses with Fred Lehman after taking the Regimental Review.

▸Cadets bearing the generals' flags stand at attention as the Corps passes in review.

MG John W. Knapp
Twelfth VMI Superintendent

BG Lee D. Badgett
Provost and Dean

COL Leroy D. Hammond
Executive Officer



COL Michael N. Bissell
Commandant of Cadets

MAJ Harold A. Willcockson
Deputy Commandant

SGM Alvin N. Hockaday
SGM, Corps of Cadets

INSTITUTE 57

REGIMENTAL STAFF

Fredrick Lehman
Regimental Commander
John Mistr
Regimental XO

Chirstian Daniels
Regimental S-1

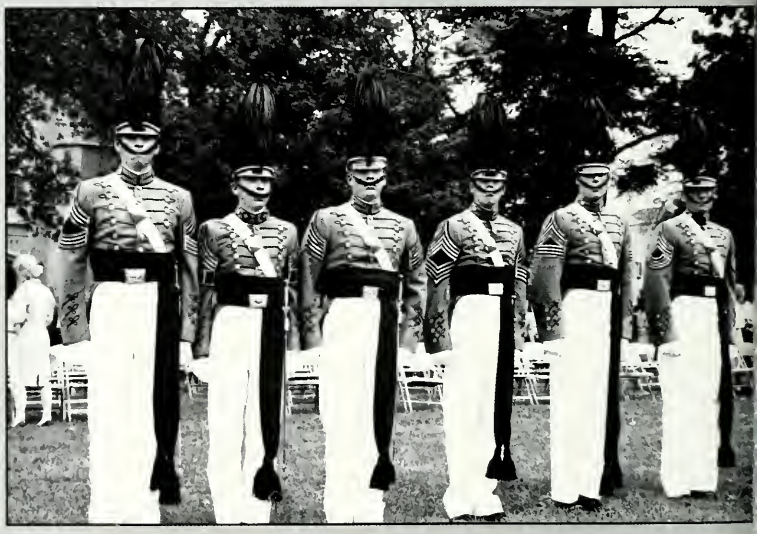
Micheal Milner
Regimental S-2

Kai Torkelson
Regimental S-3

Micheal Bunch
Regimental S-4

John Shorter
Regimental S-5

▸The Regimental staff stands at attention during the Corps' pass in review during parade.



RAH VIRGINIA MIL!

The Corps, as a military unit, has experienced a refinement in the ideology and in the actual process of accomplishing our duties as a unit. We have continued to emphasize professional leadership training and leadership by example, and we have thus taken on new programs to accomplish these objectives.

Beginning with the upper echelons and working down to corporals, we have emphasized the duty and responsibility that accompanies leadership and more generally, the wearing of rank. The chain of command and responsibility and control of a leader's unit, whether it be a squad or battalion have also been emphasized. The success of this renewed emphasis and the pride leaders are presently taking in their individual units has been overwhelming. The leaders that have emerged and the styles that have been developed are more numerous and better than any I have ever witnessed as a cadet, and the credit belongs with the individual for taking on the responsibility and providing the care and concern.

Leadership has been shown not only by the "rankers", but by the privates as well, both in substituting and also the leadership roles taken in other non-military endeavors. This Corps-wide leadership, and the unity and pride demonstrated by our ten companies has been instrumental in adapting to the changes which have taken place this year.

This system not only helps VMI run more smoothly, but ensures that VMI remains in the forefront of institutions developing the leaders and professionals of our nation. The men who make it through this year have done so only with hard work, sacrifice and determination — and that is what keeps VMI strong and develops her men into men among men, leaders and not followers, and men with the will and background to accomplish any task, any goal. "Mother I" has long been producing such men, men that wear the RING, men that HAVE, ARE, and WILL be heard from.

Frederick J. Lehman

First Captain

Robert Sayegh
Regimental S-1 Lt.

Brian Billingsley
Regimental S-2 Lt.

Richard Sutton
Regimental S-3 Lt.

Donald Cribbs
Regimental S-4 Lt.

William Coleman
Regimental S-5

Andrew Tate
Regimental S-1 Sgt.

Mark Thackston
Regimental S-2 Sgt.

Devon Mahoney
Regimental S-3 Sgt.

Charles Douglass
Regimental S-4 Sgt.

Chris Phelps
Regimental S-5 Sgt.

CORPS

COLOR GUARD

Ben Piper
Color Sgt.

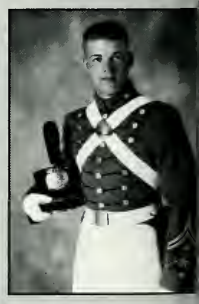
William Sharp
Regimental SGM

Mark Crocker
Color Sgt.

Mike Richardson
Color Sgt.

Brian Kelly
Color Sgt.

Philip Grant
Rifle Bearer



Thomas Ripley
Rifle bearer

SECOND BATTALION

Anthony Marro
Commander

Andrew Preston
Battalion XO

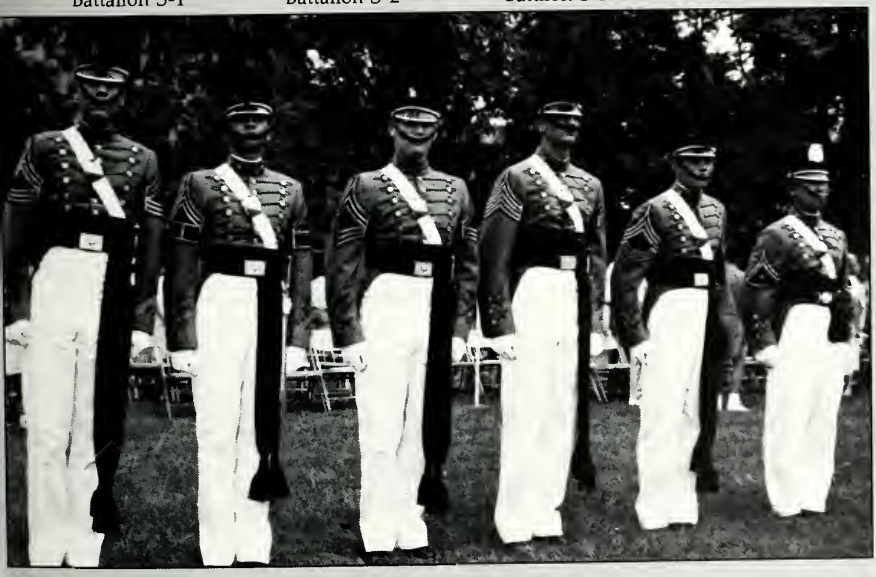
Richard Coupland
Battalion S-1

George Hale
Battalion S-2

James Pugel
Battlion S-3

Thor Bauer
Battalion S-4

Doug Yeabower
Battalion S-5



Mark McCarry
Battalion SGM

CORPS

THIRD BATTALION

Timothey Hayes
Battalion XO

Jeff Cuiper
Commander

Michael Robertson
Battalion S-1

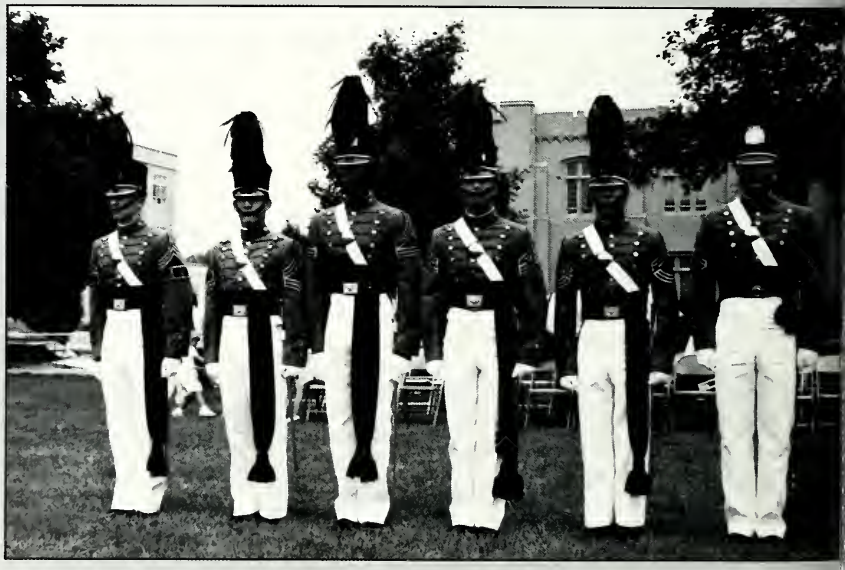
Evan Brown
Battalion S-2

Jon Milner
Battalion S-3

Omar Land
Battalion S-4

John Consolvo
Battalion S-5

Andrew Krug
Battalion SGM



FIRST BATTALION

K. C. Jung
Commander

Patrick Krug
Battalion XO

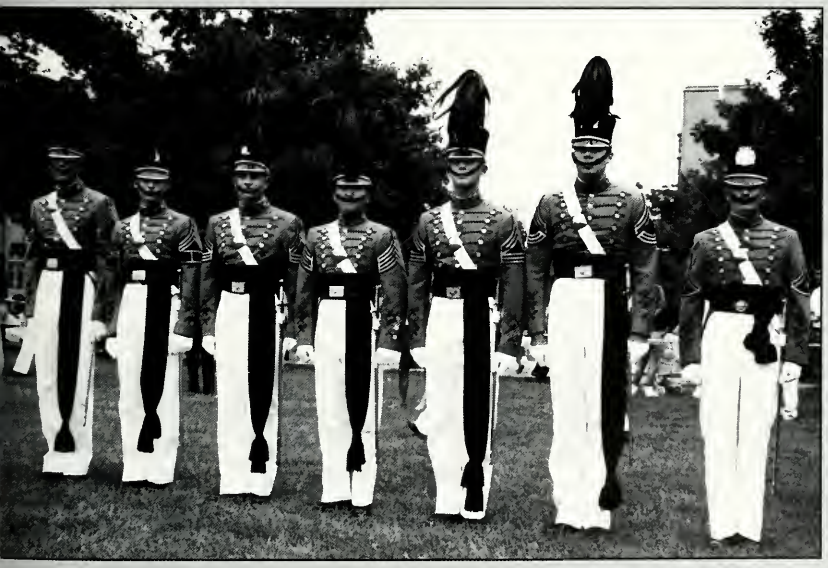
Scott Smith
Battalion S-1

Jim Demers
Battalion S-2

James MacClellan
Battalion S-3

Chris Isakov
battalion S-4

Jef Sauntry
Battalion S-5



Brian Moore
Battalion SGM

CORPS

ALPHA COMPANY

Chris Cruz
Commander
Bryan Brooks
Executive Officer

Tom Dumouchelle
Lieutenant
Chris Edmonston
Lieutenant
Todd Early
Lieutenant

Joseph Lane
Guidon
William Viar
First Sergeant
Paul Barnes
Master Sergeant
Greg Abbott
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

CORPS 56

HARDCORE ALPHA

Matt Zahorsky

Throughout VMI history, Alpha company has represented itself well within the Corps of Cadets. This year has been no exception. Two Honor Court members, two RDC representatives, two GC members, and three team captains are some of the positions that Alpha holds this year.

In previous years, Alpha company had been lacking in military proficiency. Of the ten companies on the hill, Alpha finished ninth last year in the Garnett Andrews competition. Those days are gone, however. Surprising the corps, Alpha won Garnett Andrews for the first semester and is still going strong. More importantly, the morale of the men is high. Having a Company Commander that expected nothing less than full effort and probably the best Executive Officer on the hill, the upperclassmen and Rats realized what they could actually accomplish.

As jets soar over the deserts of Saudi Arabia and Iraq, the world is reminded once again of the importance of disciplined and courageous men who are not afraid to fight for what they believe in. Men like Bernabe A. Cruz III, a field artillery Sergeant in Saudi Arabia, whom this page is dedicated to. A man who inspired his little brother to take care of his men.

Jeff Saunty

BRAVO COMPANY

Thomas Hefferen
Commander
William McSorely
Executive Officer

Michael Parnell
Lieutenant
Christopher Nunn
Lieutenant
Aaron Sink
Lieutenant

Thomas McCrary
Guidon
Chris Bergen
First Sergeant
Keith Frantz
Master Sergeant
Peter Johnson
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

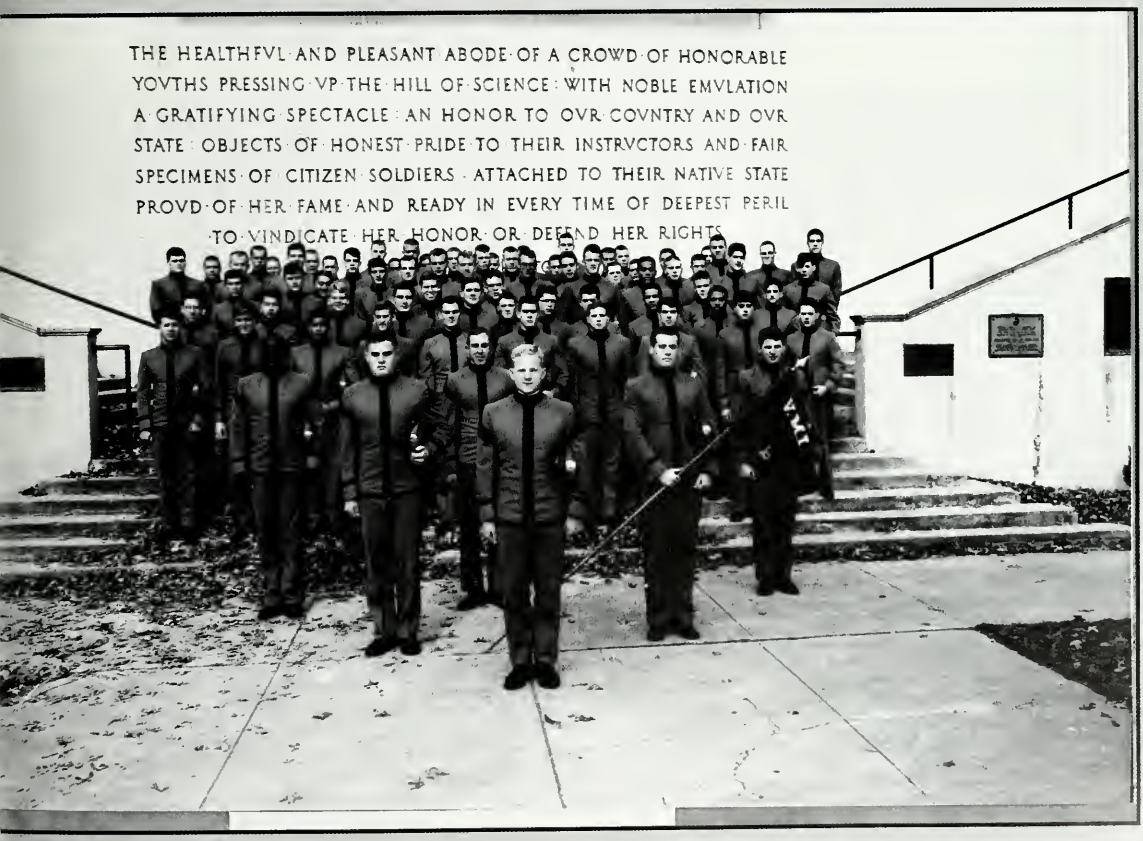
CORPS 60

BALL-BUSTIN' BRAVO

Matt Zahorsky

Since the first B company spilled their blood on the field of honor, Bravo has been a dedicated group. This year has not been different. Bravo company started the 1990-1991 school year on solid ground. From the start, they took advantage of extra privileges awarded to them for taking second place in the Garnett Andrews company competition the previous year. They were only beaten out in a final effort by Echo. This year once again Bravo has proven to be a strong contender for the best company on the hill, the main competition being A company. Winning many parades and sweeping first place in rat rooms for days on end are just two of the ways Bravo has shown itself to be superior.

This company will push hard for excellence in all aspects during the Spring semester. The rats will demonstrate that they have been the best and will continue to be the most capable cadets. The pride and dedication in Bravo will help Bravo company finish the year as a finalist for many awards, including the coveted Garnett Andrews cup. If the year ends with no official awards, the men can surely go on their way knowing that we had an outstanding year and a tradition of excellence. They took everything in stride. What else could one ask for of men? Semper Fidelis.



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CORPS

CHARLIE COMPANY

Edward Dunnington
Commander
William Brennan
Executive Officer

Franklin F. Thurston
Lieutenant
Charles McClean
Lieutenant
Brian Snyder
Lieutenant

Regis Dotterweich
Guidon
Robert Johnson
First Sergeant
Carl Engstrom
Master Sergeant
Matthew Lough
Operations Sergeant

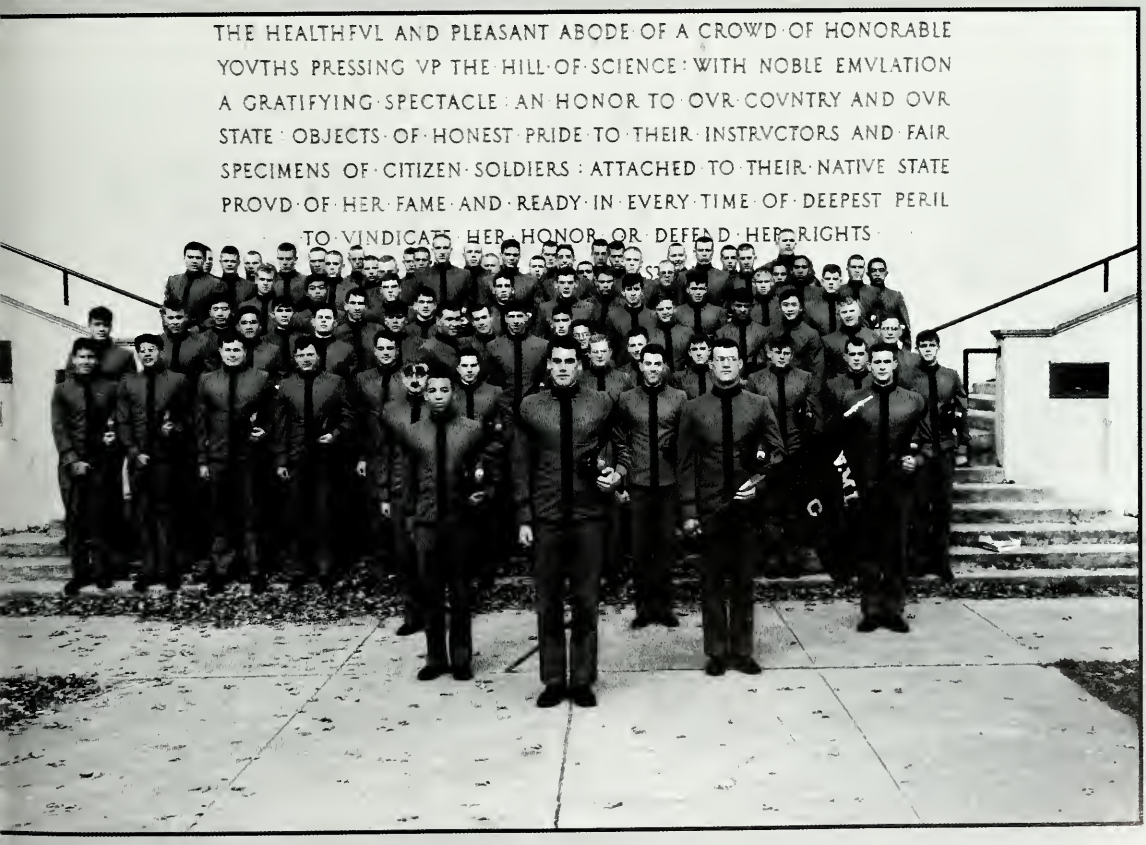
First Class Privates

COLD STEEL CHARLIE

Matt Zahorsky

This year was a great one for Charlie Company in many respects. From the first classman's attitude, to the Rats' performance academically. I think if anybody deserves credit for the success of this past year it would have to go to the company XO (hey, which one?). Let me clarify who I am referring to — in the beginning of the year we were blessed with Troy Brennan, but he was promoted. I want to thank him for the job that he did for us, without his effort we would not have gotten as far as we did. The people who deserve the most thanks and praise are definitely the cadre, who were led by Frank Thurston. They had the intensity and integrity needed to lay down a great foundation for the new cadets. In addition, I want to thank Matt Lough for all his work on the guard teams and Rob Johnson for all he did for the company.

With regard to the rest of the company things went real well . . . at the end of the first semester we were in fourth place for the Garnett Andrews Award. I do not want to waste the time or paper to talk about a competition, but rather to talk about the people in the company. I enjoyed my position with this company because I really feel that the guys in it are a little above the rest of the Corps and I see that in the class officers, athletes, and tweezers that are from the company. I think they deserve a lot of credit for the way things went and I want to thank them for helping me and giving me an opportunity to be a part of it.



Jeff Sauntry

CORPS

DELTA COMPANY

Lee Bewley
Commander
Ed Fuller
Executive Officer

John Childs
Lieutenant
Walter Rogers
Lieutenant
Stephen Tuck
Lieutenant

Stephen Dudar
Guidon
Jeff Vent
First Sergeant
Warren Dudley
Master Sergeant
John Darby
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

MAD-DOG DELTA

Matt Zahorsky

Delta Company 90-91 was typified by a good deal of professionalism and outstanding attitudes. Regardless of time of day, weather conditions, or disjointed coordination above company level, the Delta Company rank and file worked extremely well as a cohesive unit.

Ed Fuller, Steve Tuck, Walt Rogers, John Childs, and Witt Boswell served as lieutenants during the year. John kept second platoon squared away during parades with the "one potato, two potato, . . . " cadences during rifle manual. Steve, Walt, and Witt all served their platoons well by conducting platoon operations with a great deal of tact and consideration. Walt also occasionally served as administrative executive officer. Ed Fuller performed the Herculean task of squaring the Rats away from Cadre until Breakout.

Steve Dudar was the Guidon Bearer. He was able to get the "staff post . . . " down better than any other guidon in the Corps.

Neil Corson, Tim Dzierziek, and Trent Dudley headed the NCO staff. Neil deserved an administrative Silver Star for his always "on the go" work in and out of the company. Tim had some of the best guard mounts in the Corps, but was always getting stiffed with horrible guard dates. Trent remained the cool-headed Rat CIC all year. The corporals were the best in the Corps — bar none.

The Rats-well, the Christmas carols were cute, and they were really dedicated to the D-Stud-Delta spirit. Good Job!

Finally, the Privates — I truly appreciated your diligence, patience, and understanding — Thank You.

Jeff Saunty

ECHO COMPANY

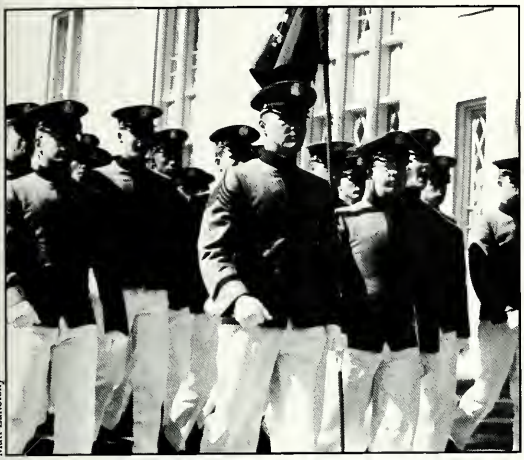
Victor Dewyea
Commander
Greg Saukulak
Executive Officer

James Wanovich
Lieutenant
Brad Brodigan
Lieutenant
Jamie Weist
Lieutenant

Frank Mulchahy
Guidon
Donald Noschese
First Sergeant
Kenner Coon
Master Sergeant
Richard Walker
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

TIGER ECHO



Matt Zahorsky

As winner of last year's Garnett Andrews Cup, Commandant's Cup, and Academic Cup, Echo Company held its head high as the best company in the Corps of Cadets. Coming into a new year, the company has faced various new challenges and obstacles to overcome. Even though it has been rough at times, the men of "Tiger Echo" have persevered, overcome, and triumphed.

The men of Echo are a diverse and well-rounded group of cadets. Our cadre is made up of intense, professional men who are responsible for the training and welfare of the new cadets. The executive officer directs this team of cadre in the day-to-day training and supervision of the "rats". Immediately under the executive officer is a trio of strict and disciplined non-commissioned officers. They form the backbone of the company — directing company accountability, rat training, supply, guard teams and Garnett Andrews grading. Their work takes many long hours and much dedication. Supporting them are the platoon and guide sergeants along with the unrelenting and highly trained corporals.

Balancing the rank structure in the company are the privates. Privates offer intelligent and necessary criticism and ideas which foster improvements and high morale. Echo Company recognizes every piece of the puzzle as necessary for a positive and professional team dedicated to "being the best".

Throughout this year, the company has performed with excellence and dedication, and that is the road we will continue to follow.

Jeff Sauntry

FOXTROT COMPANY

Todd Hubbard
Commander
Paul McKinney
Executive Officer

Emanuel Insinna
Lieutenant
Thomas Harmon
Lieutenant
J. Scott Day

Edwin Arnaldo
Guidon
T. Adam Gregory
First Sergeant
Dean Ramsey
Master Sergeant
Jason Carrico
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

F-TROOP

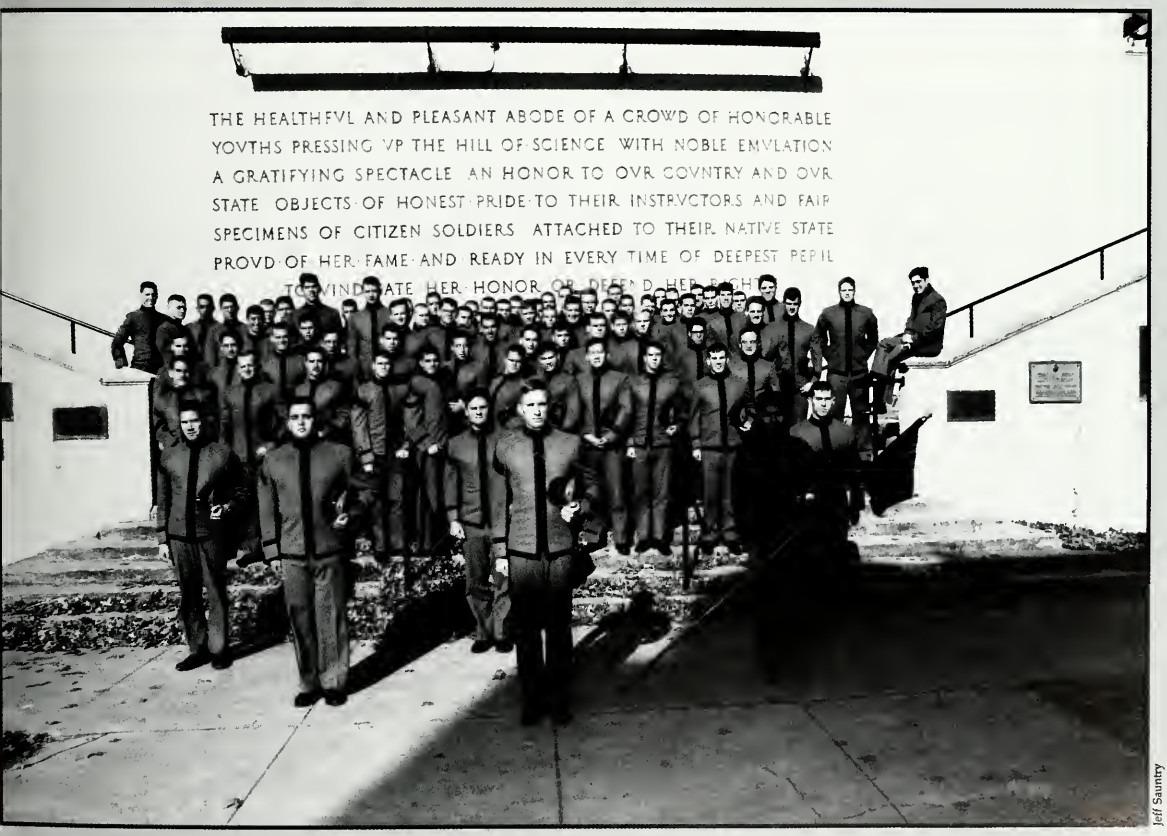
Matt Zahorsky

F-Troop has a long and somewhat infamous past. Alumni often reflect on how very unique The Troop is, compared with other companies on the hill. Troopers succeed, but are never over-achievers. No matter what the outcome, F-Troopers have fun in whatever they do. Some of our unique traditions include not banging our rifles before parades and leaving our black gloves unbloused.

Today we maintain our unique traditions, and still have fun doing it. For example, other companies simply play games, the Troop has pizza parties. We received high marks in appearance at parades, but this was the least of our concerns. We just wanted the week to end to get a little R&R (i. e. industrial strength partying). We have also seen great improvements in the performance of our guard teams (thanks to Jake), regardless of the F-Troop tradition of the "Guardteams from Hell."

Looking to the future, Foxtrot Company is gaining a strong hold on academics. Though this year we saw the revenge of Pialon . . . yes it is "Little" Campbell a.k.a. Pialon Jr. Also, F-Troop won the '90-'91 battle for last place in the coveted GA Cup race. We leave you with our motto . . .

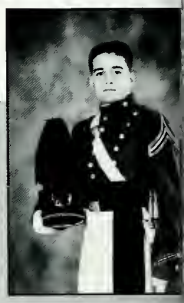
"If the minimums weren't good enough, they wouldn't be minimums."



Jeff Sauntry

GOLF COMPANY

Craig Streeter
Commander
Todd Thompson
Executive Officers



Eric Hyde
Lieutenant
Hong Kao
Lieutenant
Patrick Madigan
Lieutenant

Justin Martin
Guidon
Garland Kelly
First Sergeant
Eric Larsen
Master Sergeant
Joseph McClung
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

CORPS 70

BLOOD AND GUTS GOLF

Matt Zahorsky

Golf Company has had a very proud history within the years that the First Class has known it. It seems that within the past four years, no less than three Regimental Commanders, five Honor court Members, one Battalion Commander, three Company Commanders and four RDC members have emerged from its ranks. There is no other company that can match this record of leadership among the Corps. The members of Ol'-Blood-N'-Guts have very good reason to be proud of their past — a past of excellence, bar none.

Yet, we must never forget that it is today, and not yesterday that matters most. At this moment we have within our grasp the ability to direct the course of the Institute. If we fail as a Corps to instill the qualities of past VMI Generations into our own ranks today, the future of VMI looks bleak indeed. However, I am confident that when there does emerge a true leader of the Corps and VMI tomorrow, he is being made within the ranks of Golf Company today.

Inside the "Golf Club" you will find men — men not so much concerned with "covering down" in ranks as they are about each other. They are friends. Theirs is a brotherhood carved in stone. I, for one, am proud to have been a part of it.

Jeff Saunty

HOTEL COMPANY

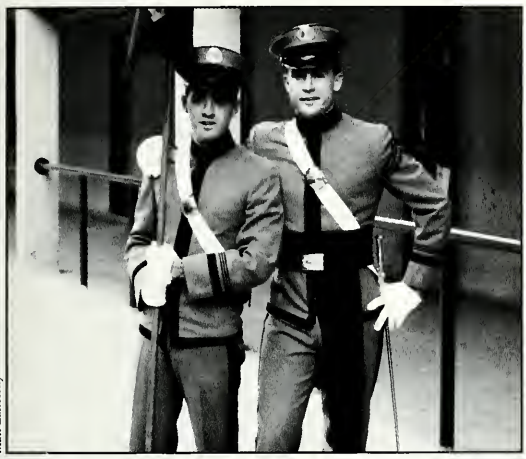
Peter J. Dillon
Commander
Martin Heinze
Executive Officer

Brian Markert
Lieutenant
Stephen Smith
Lieutenant
Chris Gideons
Lieutenant

Charles Schindler
Guidon
Tedd Muery
First Sergeant
Richard Horn
Master Sergeant
Shannon Terhune
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

HARD-CHARGING HOTEL



Matt Zahorsky

Leadership is the quality necessary to put a plan into action, but without the devotion of the followers, all fails. A leader not only has to worry about what is best for the mission but also what is best for his people. As he, the leader, looks out for his men, they will look out for him. It is the poor, uncaring man who fails as a leader.

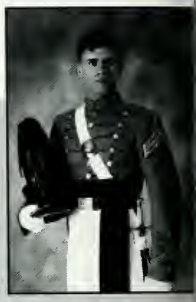
Hotel company, which originated back in the 84-85 school year, started off on very shaky ground this year. As I took over as the company commander, I insured that everyone in the company knew me, my standards, my policies, and my goals. I concentrated on being very fair to everyone in the company, and I was always open for suggestions. I wanted the rats, official rat Olympic winners, to make goals for themselves so that they would have the motivation to stay at VMI. I did not want to be a dictator with the upperclassmen — it was important that I understood them before I started leading them.

It is my goal this year to increase the level of pride within the company. I want the men of Hotel Company to understand that the example they set now will be seen for years to come.

Jeff Sauntry

INDIA COMPANY

David Raucher
Commander
Philip Secrist
Executive Officer



Parick Womack
Lieutenant
Gary Rose
Lieutenant

Buck Sessoms
Guidon
Richard Lee
First Sergeant
Lawrence Nevel
Master Sergeant
Dave Womack
Operations Sergeant

First Class Privates

IRON-CLAD INDIA

Matt Zahorsky

India Company may not be the oldest company on the hill, but in it short life it has developed a character all its own. When I was passed the torch of leadership in India it was a proud moment for me. Over the course of this year, my pride has only grown. I have come to realize India is not the perfect company in the military sense, and the pride of its "ironclad" men is not reflected in an absolute military manner, but there is a fierce pride, with a kind of internal bond no other company can claim. This camaraderie is what sets India apart from the rest of the corps.

In this past year India has improved greatly in the areas of appearance, guard (thanks to Dave Womack), and especially academics. India company's real pride comes from our numerous Varsity Athletes that continually give everything they've got for the Big Red Team. India men can be found in sports ranging from Football and Basketball to Wrestling and many others. It is for them that "India roots the loudest". Other sources of India pride include Third Platoon Leader Gary Rose, aka Honor Court Prosecutor; and a commander too short to inspect haircuts.

Looking into the future I encourage the men of Ironclad India to stick together and be proud.

Jeff Saunty

BAND COMPANY

Russell Raffay
Commander
Matt Gaddis
Executive Officer

John Gray
Lieutenant
Chris Buckland
Lieutenant
Richard McCormack
Lieutenant

Chad Kunkel
Guidon
Alan Mckinnon
First Sergeant
Stephen Morris
Master Sergeant
Chris Berstol
Operations Sergeant

BLOOD, GUTS AND BAND CO.

Matt Zahorsky

With the closing of yet another academic year, Band Company has been extremely busy performing at various Institute and other functions. The year started with a trip to the 8th & I Marine Barracks to visit Captain Brodie's old unit. September found us at West Point to cheer on the Big Red Team in their big game. Parents weekend came along and found the Regimental Band performing yet another halftime show. The Brass Ensemble performed in front of a packed JM Hall as well. The Brass Ensemble also performed a joint November concert with the JMU Brass Ensemble. The basketball Pep Band was present at most home games as well as the Southern Conference Tournament in Ashville, N. C.

The Annual Mardi Gras trip was a complete success, as well as a welcomed morale booster for the company. Two nights on Bourbon Street seemed to produce unforgettable memories for all those involved. The third annual "Northern Tour" of the Brass Ensemble found us in New York City to perform in front of a crowded New York audience.

Our year end concerts seem to wrap up yet another challenging year. I would like to thank all of those involved, especially the cadets of Band Company and Captain Brodie for all of his support and help in making this a truly successful year.

Jeff Saunby

REGIMENTAL BAN

As one of the Institute's most visible units, the Corps' Regimental Band provides many opportunities for cadets to pursue their own, personal music interests.

One of the most important and highly visible units at the Virginia Military Institute is the Regimental Band. Formed in 1947, Band Company consists of approximately 90 cadets and provides music for all parades, football games, basketball games, and ceremonial functions of the corps. The band is known throughout the state as a highly professional unit whose precision, military bearing and playing ability leave a lasting impression on its audiences. The band has also received national recognition by marching in several inaugural parades, including the 1989 Inaugural parade for President Bush, as well as for the governor of Virginia. Among it's many nationwide appearances, the band has performed in the Mardi Gras parades in Mobile, and New Orleans; The Cherry Blossom Festival in Washigton D. C., the Azalea Festival in Wilmington, North Carolina, the tobacco and oyster bowl parades in Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia. The Band traveled to Paris, France in July 1989 to commemorate the Bicentennial of the French Revolution. The Governor of Virginia designated the band as Virginia's official representative to participate in "America's Musical Salute to France". Few marching units shared these distinctions. With other units such as 'The Commandant's Own', Brass Ensemble, and "The Commanders" Jazz Ensemble, there are many opportunities for cadets to pursue their musical interest.

Plans for the 1990-91 academic year are for the band to return to New Orleans for the 1991 Mardi Gras Festival, musical support for the VMI/Army football game at West Point, and at the Sufolk Peanut Festival and the Oyster Bowl.

The VMI Regimental Band is under the direction of John Brodie, a former member of the Marine corps "Commandant's Own" Drum and Bugle Corps in Washington D. C.

-By Cpt John Brodie-

Matt Zahorsky

▲The Regimental Band marches towards Alumni field as part of the Corps march on during a home football game

Jeff Saunty

◂Cdt. Russ Raffey prepares the band to play the national anthem at a home football game.
▾Chris Buckland leads Band company down the hill.

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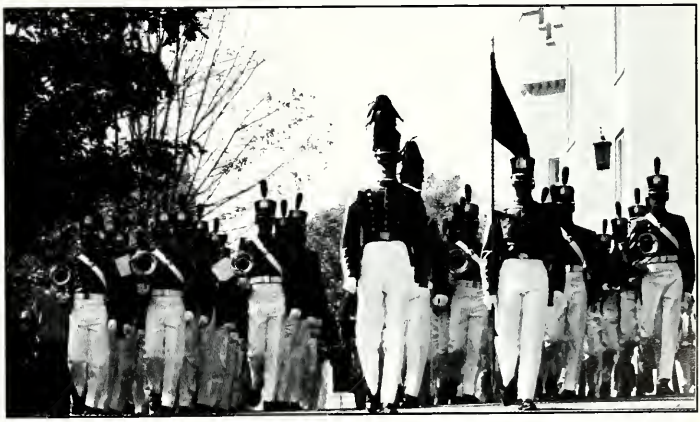


Jeff Saunty

◂CPT John Brodie has been instrumental in organizing and producing VMI's Regimental Band.

CORPS

HONOR COURT

The primary purpose of the Honor Court is to instill in each cadet the highest sense of personal honor. The system will not compromise in its expectation of an honorable man.

VMI is is definitely a unique educational experience. The thousands of cadets who have walked these stoops have gained valuable experiences in academics, athletics, and the military. The most important aspect, and the one thread that binds all VMI men past, present and future, is the high sense of personal honor acquired while living under our stringent system. the cornerstone of life of VMI is the Honor Code, which simply states, "A CADET DOES NOT LIE, CHEAT, STEAL, NOR TOLERATE THOSE WHO DO."

The honor system is of, by, and for the Corps the Corps of cadets, and accordingly, the Corps strictly enforces and jealously guards the system. The honor court is comprised of ten members of the First Class and six members of the Second class and six members of the Second class and is the outward manifestation of the conscience of each individual cadet. The court it self elects the president who serves in an administrative capacity, and two prosecutors who conduct investigations of honor violations. The prosecutors are assisted by a second class assistant prosecutor.

> *The cornerstone of VMI life is the Honor Code which simply states, "A cadet does not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate those who do."*

Honor at VMI is a black and white matter — a cadet either lied or did not lie; he either cheated or he did not cheat; he stole or did not steal. Just as there are no degrees of honor, there is only one punishment for a violation of the Honor Code — Dismissal.

▲The 1990-91 Honor Court. Seated: Charlie Cathcart, Gary Rose, Patrick Madigan, Patrick Krug, Wade Sheldon, Charles Stringer. Standing: Jim Demers, Andrew Krug, Scott Burch, Daniel Mazzei, Robert Johnson, Derek Johnson, Eric Hyde, Todd Thompson, Rob Richie.

Matt Zahorsky

James Pugel

◂One responsibility of the Honor Court is to keep the Corps informed of rules, regulations, policies and clarifications. President Pat Krug briefs the entire Corps during a Taps check formation.

▾The Big Three. Seated are Gary Rose, Prosecutor; Patrick Krug, President; and Wade Sheldon, Prosecutor.

Matt Zahorsky

Understand that the Honor Court is not a corrective organization. Its primary purpose is to instill in each cadet the highest sense of personal honor. Secondly, the Honor court decides the guilt or innocence of an accused cadet. Should the cadet be found guilty of an Honor violation, he is dismissed in shame, never to return. If, however a cadet is found innocent he is acquitted and bears no stigma.

In this day and age when Honor systems at many other Universities have been altered to suit certain individuals, the VMI Honor system remains uncompromised in its expectation of an honorable man. As one former Honor President stated "If at VMI we realized nothing else than an appreciation of honor, then our four years here have not been wasted."

-By Pat Krug-

CORPS 87

RAT DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

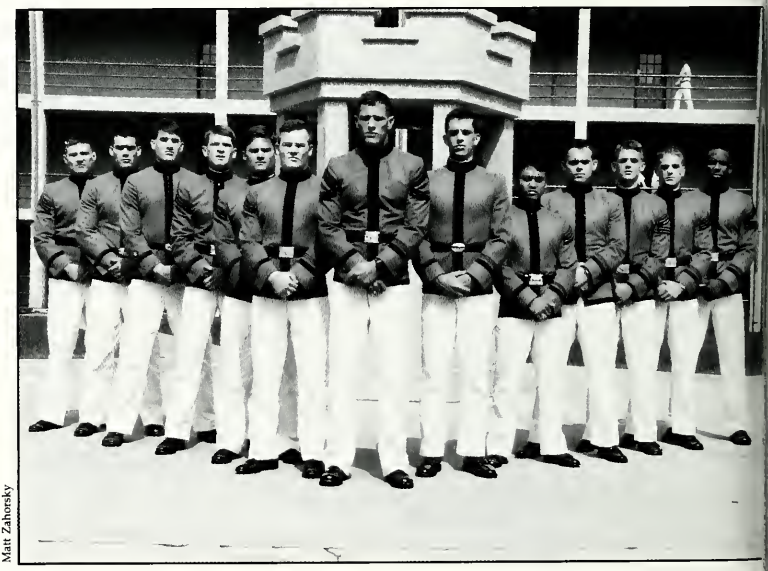
Charged with instilling the values of a VMI man into the young Rat Mass, the RDC plays a vital role in the formation of a new class.

This year's Rat Disciplinary Committee was a constantly changing organization. The First Class elected 10 members, and from them, came the President and Vice-President. RDC members were then assigned a company which they would represent, thus ensuring that the best suited members of the class would actively pursue the goals of the Rat Line. With the new Commandant, Colonel N. M. Bissel, the RDC found a trusting member of the administration to aid in all aspects of the Rat Line.

The ever-changing RDC never allowed the Rats to become accustomed to any one situation. By switching meeting areas and formats, even Rats who came up often were stunned and amazed. This year's RDC became known for a new intensity not seen in years past, as well as its quick and decisive measures when dealing with the rat mass. Workouts at meetings were brought back as well as a new home in Cocke Hall.

Utilizing members of the Second and Third Class, the RDC was able to build a foundation upon which succeeding classes may follow and present Rats of following years with even more obstacles to overcome on their way to becoming a class. As every Rat that is a product of the Class of 1991 will test for generations to come, the RDC will be an institution at VMI FOREVER.

-By Scott Smith-



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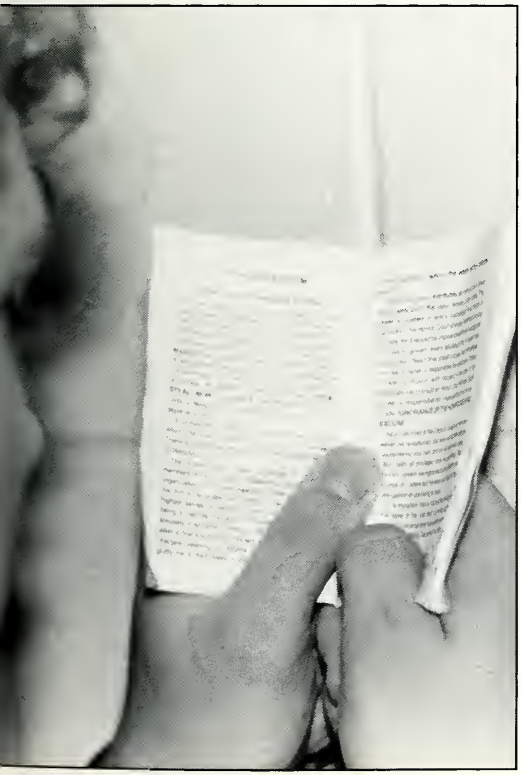
▸The 1990-91 RDC. Victor Dewyea, Patrick Kiely, Jeff Pence, Aaron Sink, Daniel Cadigan, Matt Childs, Scott Smith, Shawn Boyle, Chris Cruz, Dan Buckley, Chris Isakov, Craig Streeter, Omar Land.

Jeff Sauntry

◂A rat draws some unwanted attention in the racquetball courts of Cameron Hall.
▾CDT Chris Cruz spent the first few days of cadre issuing "Rat Bibles".



◂This new cadet is holding what will become his most prized possession . . . his "Rat Bible". It contains all of the "knowledge" that he will be required to learn during his first year.
Jeff Sauntry

GENERAL COMMITTEE

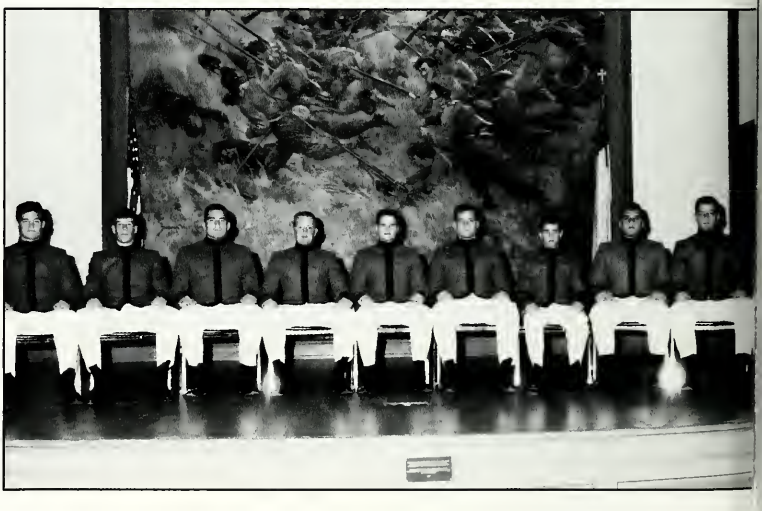
The General Committee is designed to maintain the standards of the Corps inside and outside of barracks. Through enforcing a system of class privileges, VMI standards and traditions are maintained.

The General Committee is comprised of nine members, three from each of the upper three classes in the barracks. Approximately two to three weeks following each class Breakout, the newly formed class goes through a nomination and election process to determine which three of its members are going to lead the class through the rest of its stay at VMI and beyond. These members assume the roles of President, Vice-President, and Historian. Cadets identifying the G. C. as being, "of, by, and for the Corps"-coming from the Corps, elected by its members, and existing to serve the Corps

In its leadership role, the committee must assess penalties to cadets who display less-than-gentlemanly conduct, commit acts that tarnish the image of the Corps, or assume privileges that that respective class has not yet received. Moreover, members of the G. C. act as a liaison between the Corps and the administration. Being authorized by the Superintendent, G. C. members are recognized by the administration as Corps leaders and are dealt with accordingly. The G. C. conducts meetings at least once a week to address those cadets who have been accused of unfavorable conducts. For those acts which are of a more serious nature, cadets are referred to the Executive Committee. The E. C. consists of the same members as the General Committee. Cases brought before the E. C., however, are voted upon differently, allowing the older classes more seniority in the voting procedure. Thus, the nine class officers in barracks are members of both the General and Executive Committees. The first class President assumes the role of E. C. President as well as G. C. president.

The many traditions of VMI are highly regarded and strenuously upheld. It is the duty of the General and Executive committees to see that these traditions are maintained.

-By Robert Cole-



▸The 1990-91 GC. Taylor Holt, Matthew Ott, Mark Orgain, Bucky Bridges, Dan Joeseph, Robert Cole, David Petty, Ayen Torchik, Deacon Maddox.

Jeff Saunty

OFFICER OF THE GUARD ASSOCIATION

The OGA is an agency of the class system responsible to the First Class President and exists to facilitate communications, harmony, and discipline at VMI.

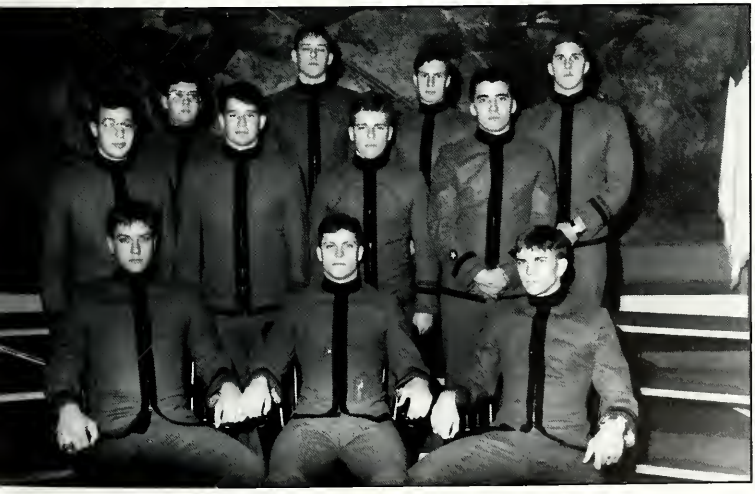
The Officer of the Guard Association is a subcommittee of the General Committee, comprised entirely of rst class privates. The OGA consists of eleven members, one representative from each company and a resident. Although only eleven are fficially elected to the Association, ll first class privates are members f the Guard.

The purpose of the OGA is twoold: First, to serve as the investigave body for the General Committee. In this function, the OGA comiles the facts in any case in which he first class president feels investigation is necessary. Once compiled, all evidence is presented to the General Committee. Although the OGA as a body cannot render any penalty decision, one member of the OGA does vote whenever the Executive Committee of the Corps meets.

The second purpose of the OGA is to function as the voice of the Corps, working as a liason between the Corps and the Administration. The OGA has the capacity to work with the administration at all levels. However, it deals primarily with matters concerning the Deputy Commandant. The Deputy Commandant is responsible for the distribution of penalties to members of the Corps. Sometimes, a cadet may feel his penalty was given unjustly, in which case the OGA works to offer a solution agreeable to both sides.

Thus, by serving these dual purposes, the Officer of the Guard Association serves to act as a cohesive force that makes the Institute a much more bearable place to exist

-By Scott Burch-



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◂The 1990-91 OGA. Seated: Rob Johnson, Kyle Bryan, Scott Burch. Standing: Rich Black, Justin Martin, Brian McReynolds, Dave Williams, Frank Mulcahy, Greg Hurst, Dan Robinson, Chris Batenhorst.

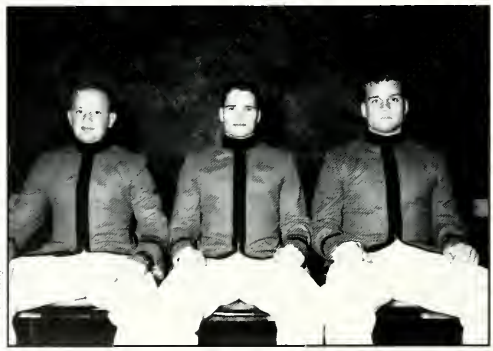
THE CLASS

Little did we know what we had committed ourselves to when we returned our acceptance letters to VMI. The following four years would prove to be some of the most emotionally demanding and challenging years of our lives. Our mass of 88+3 was herded through Cameron Hall on August 19, 1987, and into the waiting arms of our cadre. Once we left the sight of our loved ones, all hell broke loose. All the unbelievable stories we had heard about VMI suddenly became realities. Over the next six months, we would be trained, punished, exercised, and mentally tested. This would prove to be too unbearable for some of our co-matriculants to handle. Finally, we were told that the "Day" had come. On 19 February 1988, we began Breakout ceremonies. In the midst of heightened emotions and excitement, an excruciating silence came over our mass as we listened to the turnouts say,"Breakout has been cancelled for today!" Broken-hearted and depressed, we returned to our rooms to face yet another week of the Ratline. On 25 February, there remained fifty less of us. Those of us that had remained had proven that we had what it took to overcome the first of many obstacles on the road to becoming a VMI Man. The Class of 1991 had finally been established.

Through the rest of our Fourthclass year, we enjoyed the niceties of being out of the Ratline. We would soon return for our Thirdclass year, when we would feel almost like Rats again as we faced the "Academic Ratline." Our leadership skills would be honed as we had to play the roles of cadre. As our first semester came to a close, we had to begin preparing for Ring Figure. One full year of preparation went into the planning of our weekend. As we joined the Brotherhood of the Ring, we experienced the most incredible weekend we could imagine. The awesome task of being the First Class, and leaders of the Corps, still lie in front of us. The responsibility was equally matched by the enjoyment. All of us now had to play the parental role of a Dyke, and instill within the class of 1994 what the Class of 1988 had in us.

One of the most valuable benefits obtained from our hardships was the common bond we had all built — due to mutual respect and understanding of one another.

By Robert Cole



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▲The class officers of 1991. Marshall Bridges, Vice-President; Daniel Joseph, President; Robert Cole, Historian.
▶Ghetto corner First classmen strike a familiar pose.

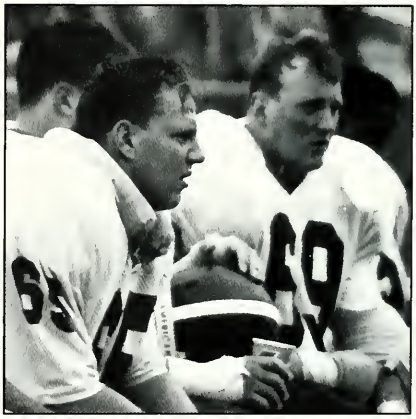
Jeff Sauntry

OF 1991

Candid Color

◂Todd Kuchler, Jon Milner, Matt Perkins, Chris Eubank, and Chuck Story commandeer the stage at the Friday night festivities of Ring Figure '91.

▾Joe Sokolowski and Matt Metheny watch the defense mash opponents on the grid iron.



Jeff Saumry

David John Ahrens

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Stump - Popeye - "ID"

Endwell, New York

Lacrosse 4,3,2,Capt.1 Soccer 4,3,2 Sacintheback 3,2 ASME 1 Monogram Club 4,3,2,Sec.1 Private 4,3,2,1 LT. by force 1 Sneaker Streaker 2

I don't remember why I chose to come to VMI nor does it matter anymore. I am happy to complete my 4 year stay and wouldn't change it for a thing.

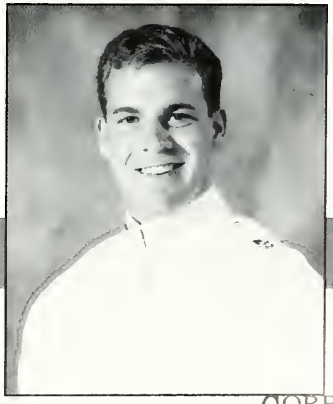
I will always remember Kevin, then our Penthouse (Rm. 330 & 238), and finally Buddy. Soccer was good, Lacrosse was better, but Spook Patrol with the Batman was best. I owe my good times to Pat. Thanks for being my roommate. Memories live forever.

Mom and Dad, I owe you the world. Thanks for everything you have sacrificed to help me make it. I'm proud to be one of Judd & Kay's boys. I love you both dearly. Thank you.

Thanks Casey for your encouragement through the years, it helped more than you will ever know. Good Luck.

Cobra - X Pumphouse: The dream still lives.

Dykes: 1987 - Chris "Peckerhead" Peckham
1994 - Chris "Mr. Hard" Reynolds



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The Beatles unknowingly described VMI in "Strawberry Fields Forever". They wrote "Living is easy with eyes closed, misunderstanding all you see". This place is an enigma of irrational thought, nothing seems to make sense, yet this dinosaur "functions".

Despite all this there have been positive experiences to come out of my tenure here. I have made some of the best friends of my life here, Jon, Eric, Dave keep in touch. Ken, Wade and Chris I'm glad we understand the system and work together to make it work. Remember "We're S-50 and you suck!!"

Mother and Father thank you for your academic patience. I've learned, albeit the hard way. Thanks for everything.

Andy study and graduate early! Dave, Nelson, and Aric do the same and stay out of trouble.

Remember "Its best for the early weaned pig, because they know."

Dykes: 1988 - Kirk John Dewyea
1994 - Andrew Jose Mulcunrv

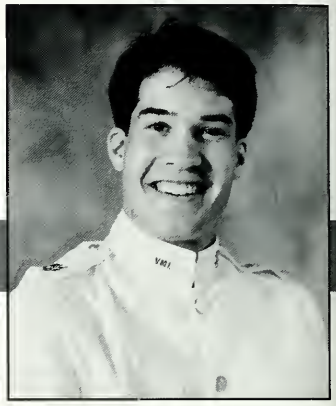
Nicholas Andrew Alten

Navy Special Student - Civil Engineering

The Duke

Manassas, Virginia

Alpha Co. Virgin Private; Cadet Staff - Entertainment Editor 3, 2, Managing Editor - 1; Circle K - 1, Illegal Car 3, 2; No. 2 Club (almost); 427 Code; 1 survived 225 !!



This place has changed me a lot throughout my four years here, and I hope it has been for the better. I know that I needed the "I" and although I would never trade my experiences here for any thing, I don't know if I'd do it all over again.

I'd like to thank both of my families, including Hank and Karen, for helping me get through here and for putting up with all of my bull$%& for the past four years. To Ginny, thanks for being there when I needed you. If it weren't for you, I probably would have lost what little sanity I had when I came here. You will never understand how much I needed you. I LOVE YOU!!

To my roommates and all of my dykes, the guys who had the toughest job that VMI could offer, thanks for all that you have done and all that you've put up with. Casper, don't give up, I know that you'll make it.

To my brothers, Carl and Mark, if you come here, GOOD LUCK and "GET OUT" whenever you need to.

Dykes: 1988 - Mike "Douggie-Drugs" Bryant
1994 - Mike "Casper" Magliocco

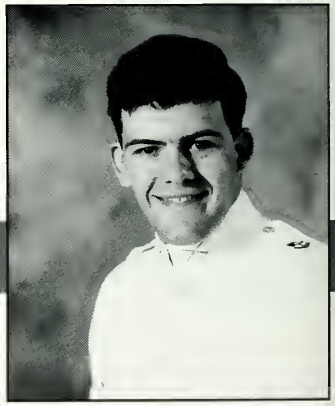
Matthew Thomas Amato

Army Special Student - History

Matt, Legend

Mullica Hill, New Jersey

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Unauthorized Car Club 4, 3, 2; Weekend in the County Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2, Cmdr 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiters 3, 2, 1.



I can't believe that it's finally over! There were times that I didn't think I could make it but with the help of my mom, dad, roommates, dykes and a young lady from W&L I did. I'll never forget my Rat roomies, Rich, Mike, Seth and Harris. Thanks for making the first year here as much fun as a Rat could have. Third class year, nothing remarkable happened here until the end of the year when I met Patti. A true lady in every sense of the term. Second class year was great, finally off of confinement and wearing a ring. What could happen now? Crash! Really Dad, a new fender and some paint, she'll look good as new. And so ended the Ring Figure weekend. First class year has been a blast thanks to Elliot (Biff Raventhorne), Trae (Phil *#@ *) and David (Mike $%&#). To Elvis I leave a Spanish-English dictionary with a pronunciation tape. To Jason I leave a bottle of Scope to hide his beer breath. To Jeff I leave a computer so he'll be up to speed with the Big Stone Gap Library. To Chris I leave some morality pills so as not to be so evil to his B.R.s. BYE!

Dykes: 1988 - Rucker Slater
1994 - Elvis A. (Chavez) Barrera

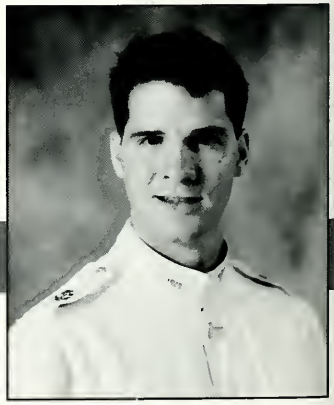
James Andrew Apostle

Army Special Student - Biology / B. S.

Jimmy Drew / Hugh Jorgan

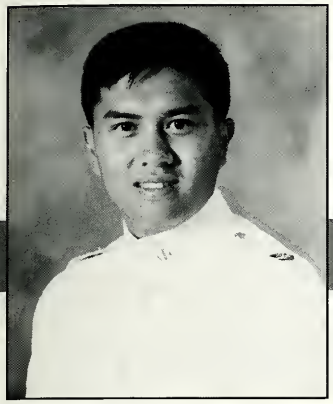
Winchester, Virginia

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1 Wrestling Team 4, 3, 2 VMI Bandits - summer 89 Missing Roommate Club 2 TCFC 3, 2 Concourse Kings 1 VMI Bomb 1 Conduct Pro 2 IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1



Edwin Fabila Arnaldo

Navy - NFO Computer Science



Steady Eddie, Fast Eddie

Virginia Beach, Virginia

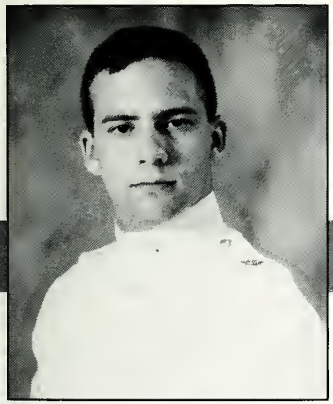
Fencing 4, 3; Corporal 3; CIC Amateur Radio Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Brother Program 1; Dean's Honor List 3, 2; Ranger Platoon 3

I just want to thank my Mom and Dad for all the support they have given me these last four years. I couldn't have made it without them. Its been a rough road to the top of that hill, but no one said it would be easy. I've learned a lot at VMI, things that are not easily forgotten, but I have become a stronger man in the outcome. I want to thank all my friends and family for hanging in there; Bob, keep logging that flight time; Randy, don't give up the ship; Steve and Joe, you guys are next but don't forget to salute me; Len, keep that hockey stick swinging; PJ, you know what to do. Last but not least, I want to thank you, Tricia, for caring when I needed someone the most. Farewell VMI, for you will always be a part of me.

Dykes: 1988 - John Bordelon
1994 - Mark Bradshaw, Mike Jackman

Thomas F. Austin III

Navy - International Studies



Mr Wizard, Shakespeare, Mot

Atlanta, Georgia

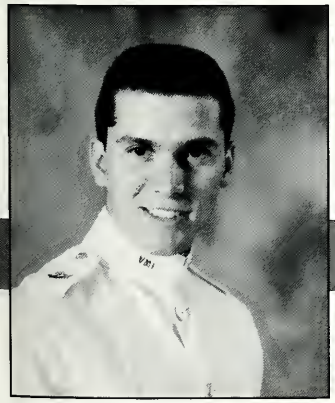
VMI Theatre-3, 2, 1; VMIT Pres-2; Pvt-4, 2, 1; Cadre-3, 2; Trident Soc. -4, 3, 2, 1; First IS Majors 2, 1; Scott Shipp Social/Shooting Soc. 3, 2, 1; Road Warrior-4, 3, 2, 1; IH/LTFP-4, 3, 2, 1

What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been" -The Story of A Cadetship VM1-402-1 Professor Scooter May 18, 1991 Certified: Sir, help was received on this project from the following (in no particular order): My Moms: Joellen, Jane, Melou, and Julie; The Light Quarter; Many BR's, roommates and friends; PW Roberts; Pat&Chuck; Brenda&David; Smudge'n'Brain; Major W.; Lt.'s Cochran and Izzo; Lord Baragona; Charlie Cayce; TFA Jr; Matthew Austin; The VMIT guys; and many, many more in many, many ways. Sir, no help at all was received from: Norm Stevens; My Alleged Uncle Dykes; Smith Hall; VA Law Enforcement; "All the girls I've loved before"; The Econ, Py, and MA Depts.; and others too perfidious to mention.

Dykes: 1988 - Charles Compton Cayce III
1994 - Ian Trombley

Kendall Dean Bailey

Marine Corps - History/English/German



"Cowboy"

Amherst, Virginia

Rat 4, Corporal, 3 Pvt 2, 1; Semper Fi Yamaha Dreamer 1; VMI Firefighter 2, 1; MAGE 3, 2 , 1; Bulldog PLT 3, 2 , 1; PLC 3, 2 , 1; Mudslingers 4, 3, 2, 1; SRR 4, 3, 2, 1

I stand now in my own armor - and it's silver plate. It has taken 21 long years to acquire it . . . piece by piece. Now, in a brilliant dance of spectral light, I see all of my preparations for the approaching battle complete. My mother's courage guides me in this desperate struggle while my father's strength enables me to triumph over each new foe. The lady VMI has chosen to bestow her red-crossed shield on my left arm, a protective barrier none can pierce. In my right gauntleted hand, I find my destiny - forged by a Marine Master Sergeant, the tempered blade of a Marmaluke Sword.

Like so many other Knights before me, I too, have a Queen. She is the purpose to my continued fighting in this war of frustration. She stands on our battlements and always awaits my return. I Love You Susan!

At my side I find another brother. He is a Black Knight on the field, but blood kin we are. Brent, you will always be with me - Brothers in Arms.

So now, armed as I am, I ride to battle - I expect to win.

Dykes: 1988 - Carl Mitlehner
1994 - Steven Kavanaugh

It is hard to remember and probably inappropriate to write everything that has been done in Rooms 342, 242, and 142. I would like to say that my roommates and I learned from our mistakes but that would be far from the truth. We did however keep ourselves occupied with strange (but interesting) activities.

To all the guys of 42 - Buddy, Biff, George, Pat, and Block - it has been one hell of an experience. I don't know how I could have made it without you (or how I did). All I can say is, I'll see you soon and keep in touch.

Mom, Dad, and Bob, thanks for all the love and support. Bob, I'm glad you are not a cadet — you don't look good in a uniform.

Mr. and Mrs. Gill thanks for letting me practically live there for the summer and first class year.

Sharon, you have made my last year here unforgettable. I love you.

To VMI, Farewell. Thank God.

Dykes: 1987 - Scott Toler
1994 - Paul Curley

Richard Lee Baines

Navy - Civil Engineering

Elvis, Turnip Head, Lucky

Tappahannock, Virginia

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Sentinels 3, 2, 1; MOR 4, 3, 2, 1; Superkicker Champion 2; Triple-B Alliance 3, 2, 1; Red Light Dist. 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Dweller 3, 2, 1; Block's Boys 2, 1; Tent Inhabitor 2

As usual, I'm blowing off legitimate college-type work to do something that seems utterly worthless; doing this history. Well, I will probably look back on this in twenty years and laugh. Yeah, right. I came to this fine Institute with the goal of becoming a commissioned officer. Like almost everything about this place, I was disappointed. I now face the bleak prospect of finding a decent job with not so decent grades. As I write this, I only hope. Fortunately, there have been highlights to my "VMI Experience." I've made some of the best friends of my life, and hopefully, they will always be there. To my rat roommates: Bryce, Larry, Tucker, and Dan; you guys made a year of hell a lot easier. To my roommates in Club '50: Chris, Todd, and Chuck; we've been through a lot together and I wouldn't give up our fun times for anything. You three definitely made this place worthwhile. To Doc Monsour: thanks for being there. Finally, thank you Dad, Maggie, Scott, Jen, and of course, Me-Me and Pop-Pop. I love you all. To Mom: I miss you, and I hope you would be proud of me.

Dykes: 1987 - Denis Fitzpatrick
1994 - Chris Russell, Chase Thornton

M. Christopher Barnes

Navy Special Student - Economics/Business

The Hammer, Master, MC

Williamsburg, Virginia

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4; S-5 Counseling Staff 2, 1; News Editor, The VMI Cadet 1; Cadet Investment Group 1; Illegal Car in County 4, 3, 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Club '50 3, 2, 1

I sat and pondered on writing something profound, and realized I'm not that intelligent, so I considered something witty and found out that I'm not that clever. Fact is I procrastinated till it was too late and was forced to write this. For four long years I've been holding on through numerous restraints, pointless demands and yes grueling academics. In any case, for once I can see the light at the end of the tunnel and I'm glad it's almost over. I want to thank Sev, Steve, Greg, and Shawn for showing me how to get behind. And to Gooch for being a dyke and a friend. Best of luck to you Shannon and your quest for a diploma. The same goes for the rest of the guys in Pervert corner its been an interesting four years. Ryan, Leach, and Scott enjoy yourselves. Troy you're like a brother thanks for the support. Mom and Val you're the greatest. Rob you're the best friend a guy can have in any situation thanks for being there pal. To you Dad I give a special thanks, you've always been there to motivate me and keep me from slipping back. I owe everything to you. I just want to say I'm proud to be your son and I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Sev Maynard
1994 - Ryan "Super Rat" Croley

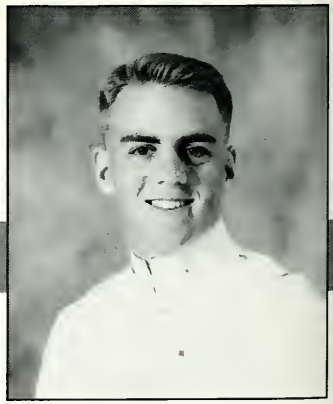
Thor Erik Bauer

Navy - History

The Great One

Toledo, Ohio

Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; S-4 Lt 1; Roadrunners 2; Summer School 2, 1; Dean's List Once, Izzard Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1



I would like to thank my family for all the support and love you have given me over the past four years. With out you I would never have made it. The experiences at VMI have been some of the best and some of the worst. These trials have brought me close to many people who will be my friends for life. While here I have learned honor, integrity, and the courage to accomplish what ever I put my mind too. I will always treasure the past four years but I am happy it is all over. Pat and Dave, I will see you at the Cobra-X pump-house. Izzy "buddy", keep the skull together. Pavel, thanks for the strumming. Fred, Semper Fi. Rich, I will never forget the first set of push-ups. Tom, it has been great. Dan, you have never been good at delivery. To all the RUGBY dudes keep on ruckin and winning. I will see you on the great pitch in the sky. I would like to thank Donna Sortino for helping me get through and stay sane.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Starling
1994 - Phil Starling

Christopher Batenhorst

Navy-Economics

Batman, Bat, Burtenhurster

Bethesda, Maryland

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Officer of the Guard Association 1; Rugby Football Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Meat Boys 2, 1; Cheese Court 3, 2, 1

It's hard to write one of these things without it looking like every other one that's been written for the past 30 years, but I'll give it a try. Well, fellow Masters, it's been a very, very long 4 years but good ones. I came up here to VMI not knowing a soul and leaving with some of the best friends a guy could want. We've had many great times together and done many fun, wild, and stupid things together. We've definitely seen our fair share of trouble in these 4 years, which I'm sure we never deserved, and I guess I'm still waiting for the good to help equal it all out. I honestly can't say that there were too many days that I didn't think about quitting this hell-hole, but luckily I had friends to help pull me out of my many depressions. I want to thank you all, so thanks Jorge, Block, Elvis, Lil' Plenty, Budsta, Al B, Russell, Big Mike and the ever so mellow Tom. In finishing, I'd like to thank God, Mom, Dad, and Kara for giving me the strength to tackle VMI and finish it, because without your support I'd have quit a long time ago. I love ya'll and can never thank you enough. So ADIOS M.O.R.'s.

Dykes: 1988 - Shelton Davis
1994 - Camillus "Not Me" Musselman

Glen Patrick Biff Beale

Special Student - History

Big B, Lyrics master, Biffffff

Little Rock, Arkansas

Football 4, 3, 2, 1 FCA 4, 3, 2, 1 Virgin Private Masters of Reality 4, 3, 2, 1 Semester Sabbatical(UofA), BMA Pres. BRDC 4, Marchers of Post#4, Red Light District, BLOCKBUSTERS 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, I guess this is where I get to put my opinions and comments, so here I go.

Andy, KC, and Tom, it has been a fast three years. It seems like just yesterday that we were getting our RINGS and now I'm here trying to write my history. You three have been great roommates. We have all had our good times and our bad times, and now it is all over. Andy, I know that you will have a great time in the Navy meeting all the hot chicks in port. KC, I don't know what it will be like for you back home, but you will have to come back to the U.S. and visit. Tom, I think we are the only two who are going to have the real fun out in the civilian world making all the money. Sean, you have been a good Rat. You got off to a slow start, but came back when it counted the most. Now just remember that you have 3 more years left. Mom and Dad, you have both been there when I needed you. Thanks for everything! I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Drew Barens
1994 - Sean Dadson

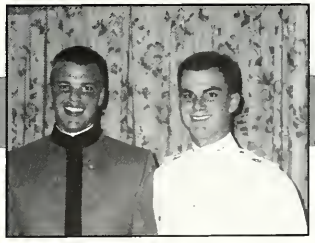
James Randolph Blanks

Air Force - Computer Science

Brick

Woodbridge, Virginia

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; First Class Pvt. 1; Scouters Club 2, 1



Christopher Barnett

Special Student - Economics/Business

Barney, Master, Booger

Federicksburg, Virginia

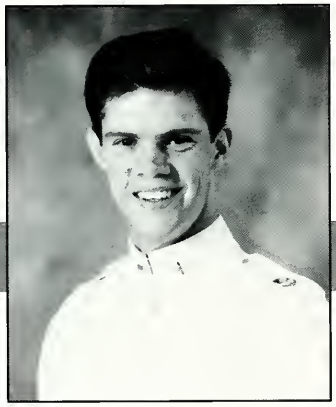
Cpl. 3; First Sgt. 2; Busted 2; Regimental S-1 Lt. 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4; Cadet Investment Group 1; TEBA 2, 1; Dean's List 3; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Club '50 3, 2, 1

Finally, the end draws near. I never thought this time would come. Four years here seems like a long time, and yet, passed quickly. Mom and Dad, how could I begin to thank you for your infinite love and understanding. From the dreaded trip on August 19, 1987, to breakout, to Ring Figure, to Graduation, you were always with me. I love you both more than words can say. Tina, you deserve as much credit for making it through this place as I do. The numerous trips to M. B. C., the rides, all the weekends together, and the patience to put up with this school. You are the greatest girlfriend that anyone could ask for. I love you with all my heart, all my soul, and all my mind, and always will. To my roommates, I52, I40, and everyone that I annoyed on a regular basis, what will you do without my humor and daily ridicule next year? To Matt, give me 20. Just remember, if you sleep I2 hours a day you only spend 2 years here, and this place is much better if you have a smile on your face and the Lord in you heart. To V.M.I., I bid my fond farewell. I'd stay, but see ya!!!

Dykes: 1989 - Charles Robinson Willis
1994 - Matthew E. Fedowitz

Gary V. Barnette, Jr.

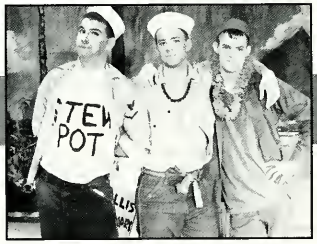
Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Booger

Windsor, Virginia

VMI Theatre, Eta Kappa Nu, Engineering Society, Cdt. Rep. Student Life Committee-Lex. Presbyterian Church



In some ways, it seems like it has been an eternity since I first began to walk the road of honor and discipline toward the fulfillment of the VMI challenge. Then I take a good look at what I am today and recognize the many valuable, dynamic changes in myself and in the way I view the world outside. As a rat, I had no conception whatsoever of all the changes I would go through. I never thought much about the future, and I didn't have any dreams about the day I would finally complete the challenge of VMI. All of these things at that time seemed so distant to me. And now, almost as in a wink of an eye, they are very real!

I would like to thank my parents; because of their dreams of my accomplishments, they had wonderful visions of the future. They have worked hard and have given me encouragement so that their dreams, and mine, would one day come true. Thanks, Mom and Dad, for everything! I would like to give a fond farewell to Band Company; you've come a long way . . . keep up the good work! Hey Drummers, keep bustin' da funky beats! Word!!

Dykes: 1986 - John E. McConnell
1994 - Gary Meyer

David Clifton Beard

Special Student - History

Smurf, Gumby, B E A R D

Daleville, Virginia

Baptist Student Union 4, 3; Officers Christian Fellowship 4, 3; Trident Society 4; Drama 2

Since I matriculated at VMI in 1987 I have been faced with many different challenges. Each one has placed new hardships, opportunities, and eventually answers before me. Through these trials I have been forced to learn a great deal about myself, my friends, and my surroundings. I thank God almost every day for providing the strength that has gotten me through each hardship that I have had to face. Without his guidance, that I have felt in many different ways, I would never have come as far as I have. God granted me strength that I never knew that I had. One of the greatest gifts that God provided me with is my two loving parents. A great deal of my life has centered around making them proud of me and the things I have done. I know that in many ways I may have failed but I also know that I have never stopped trying! I hope that in some small way I can leave the pride that I have in being a cadet behind to those who follow behind us. Keep striving! Remember those who said that I would never make it!! IT CAN BE DONE!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Kiker
1994 - Scott Morris

I came to VMI with the intention of conquering a self-inflicted rite of passage, one not typically conjured and scarcely pursued. But rather than trudging through the myriad of obstacles like a good soldier with my mind set on just completing this ordeal, I adopted a peculiar idealized crusade. My intent was to project genuine good will and make this stoic and otherwise cynical environment a better place in everything that I was associated. Time will only tell if I was able to make any difference, but at least I made many good friends in a half dozen VMI classes along the way.

Now an old man reminiscing . . . Eric and Justin, we truly had a great room these past three years. I guess they couldn't split a trio of Golf Co. stalwarts - Best of luck in everything. Pugs, you know, we do make a pretty good team, too bad you're a Yankee! - I'll always remember our trips and "years" in front of layouts and the computer. Doug, Rufus, Bill - Best Neighbor Awards, Tate J. - Take care and Good Luck, P.D. and Chris - you two have so much going for you, make Kentucky proud. Patricia, my heart is a star in the sky that will forever shine for you. FAMILY, thank you - I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Coleman: Frankfort, KY
1994 - Chris Gibson: Danville, KY

Lee Wilson Bewley

Economics-U.S. Army Medical Service Corps

Ferris, Foghorn, Elvis, Shark, Top

Big Spring, Kentucky

Rat 4, Corporal 3, First Sergeant 2, Company Commander 1, Dean's List, BOMB 4, 3, 2, 1; Business Manager 1, Ring Figure Magazine Author 2, LAX Spectator, Beach/Rap Music Critic, W&L Fraternizer, Kentucky Gentleman

First things first. Thanks to Vic, Tom, and especially Ron.

It's hard to believe I'm finally writing this. Not too long ago I left my Mom in tears because I was coming to VMI. In a few months she'll be in tears because I'm leaving it. Mom, I'll never figure you out.

Mother Hubbard and King- despite the general boredom this place breeds we had some good times. Mother, you mellowed out after the wedding, but you still have some party in you. We'll wait until the gathering. King, you dancing fool, if all of your parts are still intact by the end of our exploits, we'll just have to go back to Baltimore. I'm sure Bob still remembers you.

Chris, Seth and family- you all are terrific people. Please stay in touch.

Thanks, George, for the support. It was nice having someone who knew the system. Pops- now we both have some war stories to share together.

In a strange way I may miss this place.

Dykes: 1988 - Ron Maass
1994 - Ben Turner

Brian T. Billingsley

Navy - Physics

Baltimore, Maryland

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Reg S-2 Lt 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing Team 4, 3, 2; Institute Scholar 4, 3, 2; Lexington Auto Club 3, 2; College Rep 4, 3, 2, 1

In the beginning I looked upon VMI and I found a harsh and childish environment. As I look back on the past after four years of Institute life I realize that first impressions are often the best. I have come to realize that VMI is not so much a learning institution as a tool. VMI is a vehicle that a cadet learns to use to achieve his goals whether it be a military career or a civilian job. However, VMI has taught me several principals to live my life by. Don't lie, take a nap every day, and it's only wrong when you're caught.

Through these four years I have made many good friends who have kept me here these long years. To my roommates Cris, Dan, Scott, Tate and Steve I owe my cadetship. And to all the others, Rufus, Tim, Mike, Ed, I owe my thanks for making this place a little more bearable.

Mom and Dad are the most responsible for me being here now (for better or worse, and I do appreciate all that they had to put up with from me and all their love.

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Anderson
1994 - Madison Burr (Tickles)

Richard H. Black, Jr.

Special Student - Computer Science

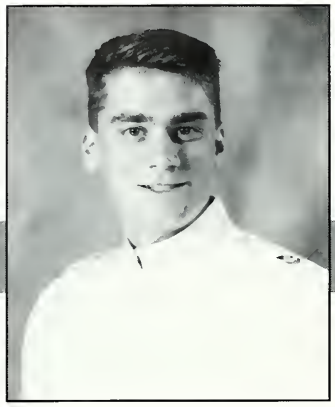
Rich

Fallston, Maryland

Private - 4, Corporal - 3, Private - 2, 1; OGA 1; Deans Other List 4, 3, 2, 1; Club 35 3, 2; VMI Fire Fighters; College Republicans; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1

Stephen Ross Blasch

Navy - Mechanical Engineering



"Splash", "Blaaaaaasch"

Richmond, Virginia

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; Rat training 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Tomb Room Crew 3; Alkie 3; Studinonomous somewhere between 4-1

I want to thank my Mom, Dad, family and friends for helping me through VMI. I want to especially thank my adopted family in Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Noell, Chris, Dina, and Grandma and Grandma Engley for the home away from home and all the parties including the one celebrating my penalty #3 at the end of third class year! To all my Band Company brother rats, every one of you has helped me through some of my worst of times as well as creating some of the best. Wayne, I want to wish you luck in your years to come at VMI. I know you will have just as much "fun" as I did. Chaz, this year has been fantastic. It was pretty rough in the fall, but I have so many wonderful memories of all the times we've been together. And finally, I want to dedicate my four years at VMI to my dearest friend Dan. I wish you could be there when I walk across the stage. Over the past eleven years I have loved you as my brother. I lost a part of me with your passing this year. No one has made such a difference in my life as you. I will always remember you, my eternal friend.

Dykes: 1988 - David Fontaine Baker
1994 - Wayne "Puddin' Head" Wilson

Gregory Booth

Navy - Economics/Business

Curly

Concord, Virginia

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, President 1; Mountain Travelers Club 3, 2, 1; Room 196 Anti-Social Club 1; Pvt. 4, Cpl. 3, Pvt. 2, 1; OBGLC 3, 2, 1; RMWC Lovers Club; OCF 3, 2, 1

I never knew I had so much to look forward to when I drove onto the V. M. I. Post. Four years of . . . growing, decaying, learning, forgetting, loving, hating, laughing, crying, praying, cursing, playing, working. You name it, I received a little here at the 'I'. Rat year speaks for itself. Third class year truly proved that thirds do indeed eat — — ! However, thanks to God, I was eating prime rib by the end of the year. Second class year, Ring Figure(The Biggest). First class year . . . ?

Thanks are in store for so many family members and friends. First and foremost, I have to thank my Lord for everything. Without Him none of this would have been possible for me. Mom and Dad, there's nothing I can write in this history that could compare to what you have given me the past 21 years. Gary, a brother comparable to no one. I Love You All Dearly. Doobie, we're definitely roommates from Hell, forever. Erin, V.M.I. would have never been the same without you. Your love, hugs, letters made the difference. Just wait.

Dykes: 1988 - Matt Martin
1994 - Mike (Nub) Phelps

Ralph Williams Booth

Air Force - Civil Engineering

Bill

Newport News, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air 4, 3; Big Red Club 1; Deans Hated List 4-1, Cadet Rack Monster; Va. Tech weekend student.

I came to VMI because I thought it was the best way to become a military pilot. Looking back, I think that this was the wrong approach. Rather, an attitude toward learning would have made me more enthusiastic about getting good grades. Whatever the reason for coming, I'm proud of what I've accomplished. I've had a lot of good times while a cadet and a lot of good memories of many good friends.

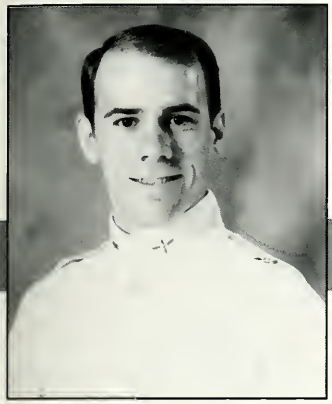
To my rat roommates': Bob, Jeff, and Scott, thanks for putting up with my snoring and my spazzing. To Steve C., and Dan R. thanks for being such good friends. Bill McClary, the next time I suggest using a credit card to set up a bar tab, remind me of that $85 we spent in the elephant walk.

Mom and Dad, I love you dearly, thank you for so much support. Peggy, I couldn't have made it without you. Steve, thanks for being a good brother and friend. Kathy, it meant a lot to me that you made those long trips to see me.

Dykes: 1988 - Mark D. Lamb
1994 - Nick Schweizer, Chip Scott

Thomas W. Boswell

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Whit, Bos

Keswick, Virginia

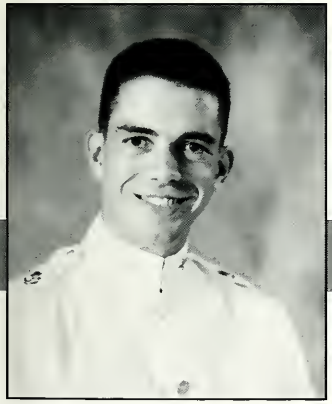
Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 1; Cadre 2; ASME 2, 3; Canterbury Club 4, 3

It is hard to believe that my college years are already coming to an end. When I was in the midst of them, it seemed as though this time in my life would never quite get here. However, looking back now leads me to the realization that the years flew by. Mom and Dad, thank you for all of the loving support and encouragement you have given me throughout. Marc, the guidance you gave me before the rat line really kept me out of trouble. Dad, when you told me that there would be ups and downs you sure helped me keep things in perspective. Mom, the C.A.R.E. packages were great, although they rarely lasted more than a day or so, and Lisa, you sure have been a bright spot in my life throughout college. I love you all. Matt, hang in there and "suck it up". It will all be over before you know it.

Dykes: 1988 - Phil Jones
1994 - Matt Shiley

Sean Patrick Boyle

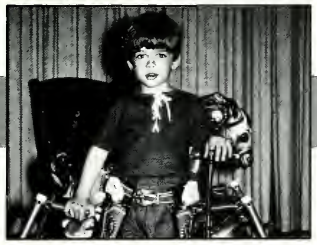
Army - Economics



Boylee Man, Boyle Monster

Fairfax Station, Virginia

Firefighters 3, 2, 1; RDC 2, Sec 1; Plt Sgt 2; Plt Ldr 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; MNB Plt Ldr 1; Illegal Car Club 2; Boxing Tm 4; Room 126 after taps Chaos 4; College Repubs 4, 1

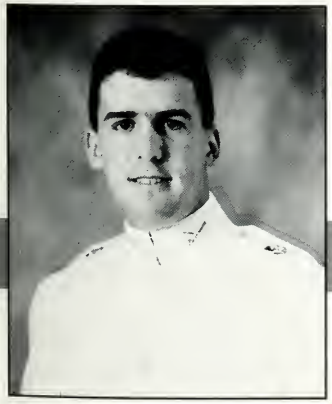


The time has finally come to wrap this cadetship up. Thank God! I am certainly glad for coming here, it's been an experience, but may a drunken surgeon perform a lobotomy on me if I ever try this again. I've learned a lot here and am forever grateful to the "I" for giving me an environment in which I have been able "to be whatever I resolved to be." This I will carry forward along with a strong pride for what I've accomplished. To all my BR's I say goodbye and good luck. If we wind up in the desert together let's make sure those #*!?@$ Iraqis pay! I wish my roommates the best, as well as the CHEEZ BOARD crew next door and all my Robinson buddies. Let's continue on as strong as we have been. To a guy who just missed being born on the best day ... well Tory, you are a stud and we must continue to be the drunken fools we are. To the only other member of the VRS .... Geoff, let's go collect w/ the Bureau. Finally, I'd like to thank my family, the Barretts, and Amy for putting up with what no one else could. I love you all very much.

Dykes: 1988 - Ed Wetherell
1994 - Tom Busic

William Brennan

Army - Civil Engineering



Torry, Surfer-Boy

Indialantic, Florida

Rat, Ranger PLT, Club 112 member 4, Cadre CPL 3, B co. Master SGT 2, 3rd BN Sgt Mjr 2, C co. XO 1, Hotel Co. Cmdr 1, MNMB C co. Cmdr 1, Talonsmashers 1, Extinguished 1

Is it over yet ????????? Mom, Dad What happened ?? I always knew I'd take the road less traveled to my future, but I think I went a little overboard on this one.

It seems like yesterday when this little surfer boy was back in SHS.

My experiences at the "I" are too numerous to retell in my first class history, but there are a few that stand out. What happened to my dykes? (Club 112 closed early). Mike, Rob and Jeff stay in touch. Foster T., thanks for setting the example for this clubag. BB and ED, the summer from HELL! To the B-BUSTING Bravo crew . . . you know who's #1. Flip, can I bum a ride to Roanoke? Timothy, Good luck bud! Boyle-monster, are we brothers or what!! Jon, good luck and teach your dyke well.

Mom and Dad - you have been the two most influential people in my life and I love you both very much. I hope I made you proud. Chris, I wish you could have seen it all. I miss you.

Dykes: 1988 - Tony Davila
1994 - Jon Rudy

Marshall Ward Bridges

United States Army - History

Bucky

Pensacola, Florida

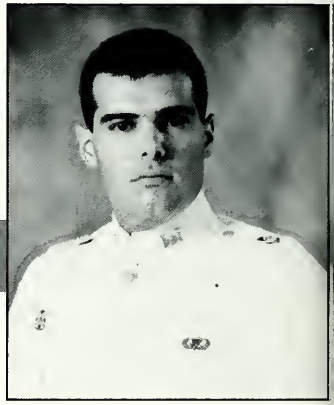
Rat 4; Wrestling/Boxing 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Vice President Class 1991; General Committee; Executive Committee; Airborne; DB 4, 3, 2, 1; LWPC 3; HMWHC 4, 3, 2, 1; Slug-RFC 3, 2, 1

I can still remember loading the car to report to VMI for matriculation; it seems like yesterday. I'm sure some images of my experience here at VMI will fade through the years; but there are certain memories that will never fade. I know that the friends I've made here will last forever. From the very beginning I knew that I had friends I could count on. No matter how bad it gets you always have your DB's. Attending VMI isn't the easiest thing I've ever done; but the good times by far outweigh the bad. I can't thank my parents enough for having the faith, courage, tolerance, patience, love, and money to stand by me. Mom and Dad, I love you very much; thank you for giving me the opportunity to come as far as I have. Ted and Leah, I also thank you for your love and support. Now for the boys, you know who you are. VMI would mean nothing to me if I hadn't spent it with you guys. And to my mutant roommates. "Bar & Grill 112" will always be my favorite place to party . . .

Dykes: 1988 - Brad Reed
1994 - John Ryder

Peter Vincent Brindley

Army - Civil Engineering



Miller Place, New York

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Ranger Challenge Team 3, Team Captain 2, Chug-n-Plug staff 1, Investment Group 3, Group President 2, Chairman of the Board 1

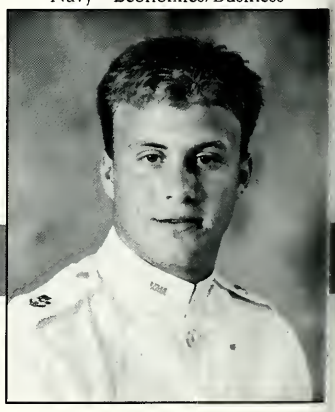
I matriculated in '87 for all the wrong reasons. Now, I am graduating for all the right reasons. VMI has been an incredible influence on me. When my dyke would say, "it builds character," I would just laugh. Looking back now he couldn't be more right.

I did not get to this point alone. I owe special thanks to many people for helping me become a VMI man. Mom, thank you for your continued support. You were and are always there for me and I won't forget. Dad and Gil, thank you for the sound advice, I hope to join the Corps tradition. Col. Jamison and the CE staff, CE is the best major here, thank you for the learning experience. Maj. Woundy and the Investment Group, thank you for 3 years of fun, go make millions. Lastly I want to thank two very special people. Pat, thank you for being a great friend. See you when we run the company. Colleen, you are my life. You kept me going all the time. The letters, phone calls, and football games were great. I love you. You are the best.

Dykes: 1988 - Ed Armstrong
1994 - Joshua Paulin

Bradley Boyd Brodigan

Navy - Economics/Business



B3, Funky Cold 1, Shorty

Richmond, Virginia

Varsity Soccer 3, 2, 1 Captain 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1 Treasurer 3, President 1; Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Confinement 3, 2; Member Social Gathering Room 4, 3

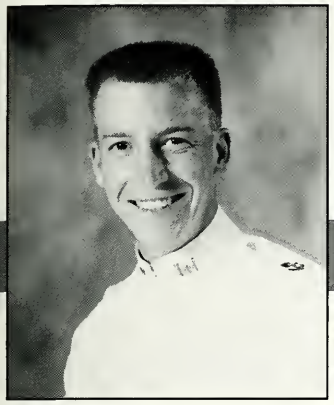
There is no easy way to put the past four years into words. I have learned so much from VMI, but mostly out of the classroom. This has been the worst and best times of my life all combined into one, if that makes sense. People think I was crazy to give up living with 6 girls at a civilian school to come back here, but to be honest it all has been worth the sacrifices.

I may not miss VMI, but I will definitely miss all the guys. To Wade and Sam, thank you for helping me laugh and for the good times. To the fellas on the soccer team, keep the tradition going and thanks for the fun times. Pie, thanks for the trouble you got me into time after time! Jamie and Perk, you guys gave new meaning to the word NEIGHBOR! Word: give Texas hell. Russian: be good to Laura and good luck. Anne, thanks for helping me through the Ratline. Mom and Dad, your endless support of my cadetship helped me at times when I thought there was no light. I hope I've made you proud. Took, thanks for making sense of this place.

Dykes: 1988 - Steve (Took) Tooker '87
1994 - Sean (Small Fry) Small

Bryan Carroll Brooks

Army - Civil Engineering



B-B, B-Squared, Brooksee

Roanoke, Virginia

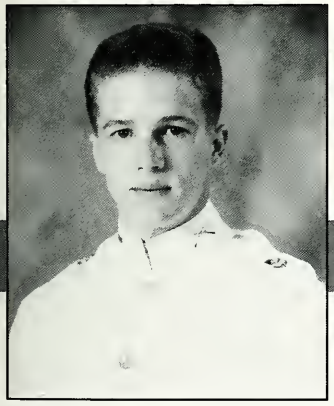
Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, A Co. XO 1; Mech. Engineer 4, 3. 5; Bloodmobile Class Rep. 3, 2, Co-Chairman 1; Summer School 4, 3, 1; Member-Class of '91B

I can't believe the time has come to say goodbye to the "Mother 1", and put an end to both the best and the worst years of my life. I finally made it, much to the surprise of many, but I couldn't have made it without the strong support and prayers from my family. Thanks most of all to God for getting me through the tough times and for being there always. Mom and Dad, I love you guys very much and I am very grateful for your love, support, and food boxes. Gary, Rusty, and Missy, thanks for all the fun furloughs and friendly letters that seemed to arrive just at the right moments. Thank you Grandmothers Booth and Brooks for writing and for your kind words of wisdom. Thanks also to all of the many roommates for putting up with me and my moods. Looking forward to the reunions already!! Matthew J. at UVa and Andy- thanks for the long talks and for being the best of friends. To room 122 (Class of '88)-look what happened! Thanks to all of you- Larve, Rusty, Mike, and Ted. Good luck Chad and the other Rats of 119. THANKS ALPHA COMPANY BR'S!!! See you in Moody.

Dykes: 1988 - John LaRue
1994 - Chad Correll

Evan J. Brown

Army - Mechanical Engineering



Jobless, Taz, Fathead II, Yank

Clifton Forge, Virginia

Double Makeover Cpl. 3; Ops. Sgt. 2; Bat. S-2 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac. Distinguished 3; Ac. Disturbed 1; RMCS England 2; Rugby 4; Volleyball 2; Marathon 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, 1

Two roads diverged in Rockbridge; I-64 would have taken me to UVa, but I picked Route 11. Boy, has that choice made all the difference. (My apologies to Mr. Frost) Now that I have almost recovered from that decision, it is time to make an even bigger one: What next?! Nah, it'll wait. As twisted as I may have become over the last three years, it has been the love and encouragement of my Mom and Dad that has kept me from going over the brink. Thanks Mom, for never letting me lose sight of what is truly important in this life. On to my BRs: Insanity loves company: John, Chris, Mike, the 188 crew (complete w/ the original Fathead), the ME academic gods, and of course my adopted room mate "Chesty" McSorley. You guys helped me laugh at this place so that I could actually enjoy my time here. Whatever the occasion: Uncle Fuzzy's Crabfests, Ring Figure, late night ME Dept hate sessions: the list goes on. Danthe human pretzel-Remember, when it's no longer fun - game over! Rock-N-Roll!

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Schenstrom
1994 - Dan B. Turner III

Kyle Andrew Bryan

Navy - Economics/Business

The Hammer

Atlanta, Georgia

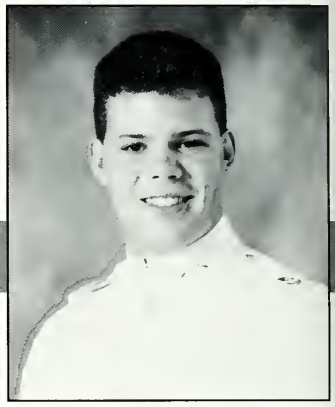
Rat 4, Cpl 3, 1st Sgt 2, Saw the Light 1- Slug 3, 2, 1- Academically Distinguished 3, 2 President OGA- Tired of it all 3, 2, 1

"We're just (250 odd) lost souls swimming in a fishbowl, year after year, running over the same old ground. And what have we found? The same old fears." -Pink Floyd Wish You Were Here I should have known it was going to be bad when Mom and Pop, in their exuberance in getting me out of the house for four years, dropped me off with my brother's luggage and then went on vacation so that I couldn't call home for at least two weeks. And it only got worse. I have learned to live in hardship and hell and how to deal with the winners of this world. I have learned that to excel in the military, one must degrade oneself and make it obvious. Hopefully, I have also learned from those around me about how to be a man. Line up at the bar boys, I'm buying the last round — Brian, Joe, Wade, Omar, Chris, M. C., Theodore, Chuck, Crank, Slug, Duff, Kevin, Shane, Rush, Chief, Dave, Steve, Fresh, Fresh, Schwag, Robo, Pat, Tony, Perks, Pops, Pav, Izzy, Fred, Bill, Bone.

Dykes: 1988 - Bill McGarrah
1994 - Garrett Hedges

Christopher A. Bryant

Army Special Student - Econ. & Business



Bear, Buddha, Slug

Elkton, Maryland

Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; Football 4; Cadet Newspaper Staff 2, 1; Ac Pro 4, 3, 2; Summer School 3, 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Clubs 266-166; Honorary Slug of 150. VMI Bandits summer 90

It's been a long four years, and at times I'll admit I contemplated leaving, but thanks to my Mom, Dad('61) and especially my brother Mike('88), I put up with three years of B. S. and stuck it out. Thanks I LOVE YOU ALL. Joe, I leave the Jungles of Guatemala and a french dictionary for those french girls. Ian, I hope you make it back before I'm gone, thanks for the Good Times. Mark, good luck in the Navy. To the slugs of 150 . . . You guys are fags!! To my dykes, Dave and Dave, stick with it and give VMI a football team it deserves. You guys are great. Winn, Todd T., Ashe, Duff and to all my friends I've forgotten, I'll never forget you.. To the Class of '91 good luck in the future, and to VMI, thanks for 4 years of hell. I'll never forget what you've given me and hopefully it will be worth something in the end. Thank God and the rest of my family that it's almost over ..... GOOD BYE!!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Thorpe Whitehead
1994 - Dave McGuire & Dave DaCosta

Chris P. Buckland

Navy - History

Bucky, Buckhead, Gyro

McLean, Virginia

Rat 4 Cpl. 3 Ops. Sgt 2 Token Lt. 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2 Slug 1; Richmond Warrior 3, ?, 2 Yankee Lover 2, 1; Horny 4 drunk 3 ?2 party monster 1; Rat 4 Tomb Room XO 3; 30 crew 2, 1

I guess summing up four years of my life in a few lines is vague at best, but I'll give it ye'ol college try. Mum, Dad thanks for always being there for me and believing in me. Jason thanks for being my little Bro. I Love You all. Mum, thanks for the money, and for being my Mum. Dad, you'll always be a Brother Rat. Jase you're a good Rat! I chose the path less traveled by and that has made all the difference. I can't say I enjoyed or even liked VMI but on the whole it was one hell of a party! To my BR's in Band Co. you guys are the best. Matt, John and John I'll never forget you losers. Through the good and the bad we made it together. Dan, keep in touch, pal, and remember our favorite 2 letter phrase. Steve, Steve and Chad you're great (eehh!). To Walt my drinking Bro. "Keep the Faith" yes, we'll get drunk on the beach again. To that special girl with the VMI ring, you earned it! It's ironic but true to say "thanks for always being there for me!" As for VMI . . . well it had better have been worth it, If not . . . You Know! Good bye and so Long Brother Rats. Tuti "Get Out!"

Dykes: 1988 - Russell "Rusty" Sloane
1994 - Rudolph "Tuti" Johnson

Daniel W. Buckley

US Marine Corps - Biology, B.S.

Ugly Rat, Igor, The Flame

Fairfax, Virginia

Pvt-4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre Cpl; Rat Plt Sgt; Reg S-4 Lt; Rappell Instr; Bulldog Plt-3, 2; RF '91 Rock Comm; Reg Hon Gd-2; N Mar Hon Gd-4, 3, 2; JP '90 Toy Gd; RDC-1; CPB VPres-21; OGA-1; ConPro-2

Thanks Mom & Dad. I hope you know how much I love & respect you. I've made so many mistakes here, but you never lost faith in me, although I know you must've come close 1 or 2 times. Dad, you taught me early in life to always act honorably & accept responsibility for my actions, & while that's quite difficult to do, there's nothing I've ever learned that's more important. You'll place those bars on my shoulders one day. Mom, whatever I do, I'll always be your li'l Danny. Tommy, learn from my mistakes. Make love, not war, li'l brother. Bat, Tom, Rich, Shannon, Izzie, Fred, EP, JP, Vic, BT, Squirrel & '91: Thanks for sucking up 4 years of misery, failure, bad grades, poverty & beer with me. Hey, I love this place. Right. Bat: Jenni will pay. I love you all. God bless & Semper Fi, '91. Our Ring's biggest. Remember: Difficulties is the name we give to that which it is our job to overcome. I won't forget what you told me, Garrith. Ice, Boozer/ Ernie, Bert, Alan: Don't p - - - anyone off, booooy. "Why do stars . . . La, la la la la . . . "

Dykes: 1988 - Garrith Palme & Rob Crow
1994 - Dustin Devore

I don't know why, but even after four years of Heartache, pain and sleepless nights, I still feel obligated to say a few positive words about my Cadetship. When I leave this institute, I'll try to forget the cold nights and the long, tired days. All the injuries and hopeless feelings . . . all the times I felt like I wasn't going to make it. . .

Yep, there are some memories that I'd like to bury forever; but, then again, there are some that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world. I'll never forget Rob and his multitude of trials and tribulations. You've always been - and always will be - one of the greatest guys I've ever known, buddy. Also, I'll always hold it dear to my heart that I had the best Dyke in barracks. Thanks, Bobby. You, your parents, and the Uncle Dykes were the best. Ben, you've been great too. Keep up the good work and do me proud. Nearing the end, I can't express enough gratitude to Col. and Frau Thompson; Juliet, I love You!; Mom and Dad - You're the best parents in the world. You mean everything to me.

Dykes: 1988 - Bobby Clark
1994 - Ben Hargy

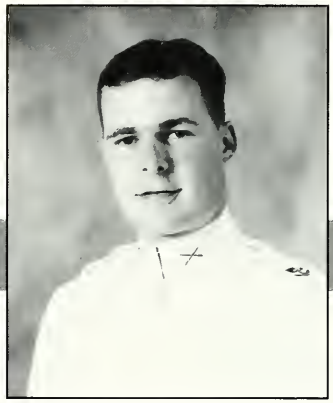
Michael H. Bunch

Army - International Studies

Fun Bunch

Norfolk, Virginia

Rat 4, 1st Corporal 3, Regimental s-1 Sergeant 2, Regimental 2-4 Captain/Private 1, Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1, Rat Training 4, 3, Dip Spilling 4, 3, 2, 1



As I think back over the past four years, I find it almost impossible to put down in words my experiences as a cadet. Without question though, my time here at the Institute will never be forgotten. The friends and the times we shared will be cherished for a lifetime. To all of my friends here, thanks and may the Lord bless you in the future.

My cadetship would not be complete if I did not thank those people who made it what it was. First, my love and unmentionable gratitude goes to my parents. Without your support, I would have never made it. I love you Mom and Pop. Next, to my roommates? You guys are something else. Your constant busting has kept me honest over the years and I'm going to miss it but, most of all I'm going to miss y'all. To Chaplain, I owe my deepest thanks. You were always there when I needed you. To the "fellas" Dan and Ed, what can I say? You guys are true pals. Thanks for always being there and hey, God bless. I love you guys. To Anne, there will always be a special place in my heart for you. And, most of all I thank the Lord. You are my fortress and my strength.

Dykes: 1988 - Tony Ammons
1994 - John Herwick

Anthony Scott Burch

Air Force - Economics/Business

Scotty Burchman Muskie

Gloucester, Virginia

Honor Court 1; OGA VP 1; Cadre 3, Pvt 2, 1; Chap's Bible Study 4, 3, 2, 1; OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 3, 2; Investment Group 3, Exec. Officer 2, Vice-Chairman 1; Magic Bus 3.

The end is here! Where we will go, does it matter. It has been along and hectic journey that comes to the end for that we are glad. The friends have come and gone and some will stay but in the end what matters is that we remember the time we had.

Those who help me through mom and dad thanks for everything. (I'm a man of few words) Dave, Jon, Nick, Chris, Wade and Ken remember there is no room at the inn.

Why I came to this place the world may never know. When I leave all that will matter is that I walk out of here and not have to come back. Adam it sucks to be you! Soon it will be over so enjoy it while you can.

Dykes: 1988 - Robert E. L. Gowan III
1994 Adam T. Strickland ?

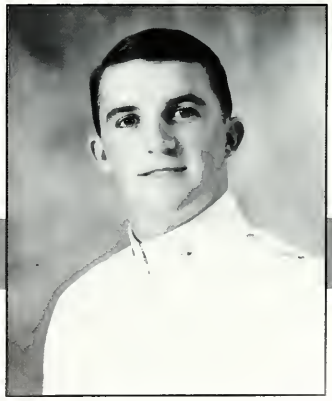
Eric Hayes Burks

Navy - Economics/BU

Soupie

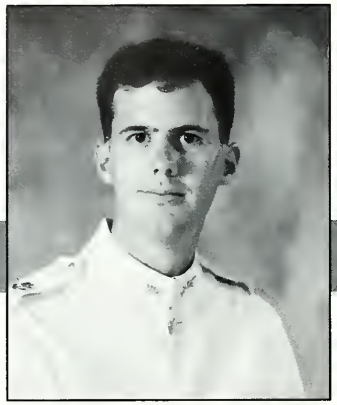
Houston, Texas

Rat; Hco PVT 3, 2, 1; Swim-letter 4; H20 Polo 4, 3; Cadet Waiter 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2, 1, 5; Cadet Paper layout 3, circulation 2, 1; Illegal Car 2; Sigma Delta-60 1; BLKRUN 321



Michael Hughes Burton

Army Special Student - English



Burt

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, Pres 1; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; Circle K 1; Big Brother-Little Brother 2; Rack Team 3, 2, 1

Thank you Dad for your "subtle" influence in my choice of colleges. Many times during the last four years I felt like I had made the biggest mistake of my life. However, now that it is over I feel like it wasn't such a bad choice after all. I would never have made it through here without your wisdom and guidance.

Woody, you are a very good friend and I hope that it will always remain that way.

Jeff, we have had our ups and downs but we are still friends and I think we always will be.

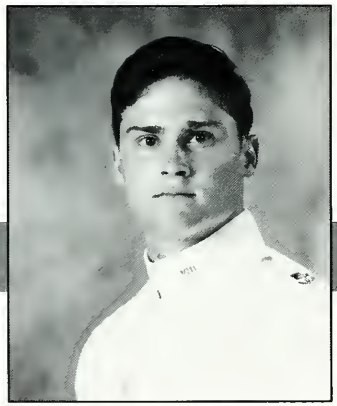
Norm and Steve, I don't think we could have found two better five year men.

Larry, you have been like the brother that I never had. I will always cherish our friendship.

Dykes: 1988 - Todd Freiwald
1994 - Todd Jackson, Gus Hopper

Daniel Robert Cadigan

Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Bobby on Thursdays

Richmond, Virginia

R.D.C., Circle K, V.M.I. Firefighters, Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineers, Dean's List, R.F. Honor Guard, Number 1 Club (amnesty doesn't apply - Col Leeeroy)

Well fellas, it's been a long confining experience but we finally finished-well, most of us, ehhhh Scotty? To my roommates Steve Wildman' Nezas, Scotty, Tater J. the delay', Rich the cynic' and especially to Christian Isaiah- we had some hard times together, but somewhere in that haze of misfortune we developed a tight bond that I'll have with each of you, not to mention a lot of obnoxious habits that I'll have forever heeeh heeeh yea yea. Dying Teradactyls Rule! Hoo Hoo Hooo Ahhh Ahh, Chris-the Christmas Grain Party (in the room - Sorry Weird) won't be the same this year with out you. Ahhh, reminds me of that Colorado air . . . Shutup John and close the window it's the middle of December. Stan where's that broomstick? Mom and Dad, what can I say- thanks for being as patient and loving as you are I couldn't have made it without you. I love you both. CARTER CARRY ON THE TRADITION- take a nap at least once a day, be as obnoxious as possible, drink lots of fluids-and hang in there-I'll be in touch-P.S. -Give me 20!

Dykes: 1988 - Matt McGee
1994 - Carter Davis

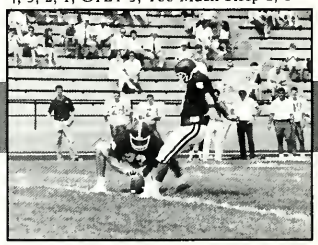
Arthur B. Cajigal

U. S. Army - Biology, B.S.

Artie, Cajman

Alpha, Illinois

International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Plt 3; Cadet Battery 2, 1; Biological Society 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 2, 1; Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; CTLT 3; Too Much Sleep 2, 1



Okay, I'm going to make this short because I have a Genetics computer lab assignment, that was given to me a while ago, due tomorrow. First and foremost, I'd like to thank my father, mother, brother, and grandmother for their support and love during these last four years. I definitely would not have made it without them and my phone card to call home. Dan, you lady-killer you, stud out in medical school like you did at VMI. Remember: "Beauty is a lightswitch away." Nguyen, maybe I joked around with you too much, but hey, you're the one who asked to live in the same room as Dan and me. Thanks for the hotpot, rice cooker, haircuts, and for driving me to the airport second class year. To the dykes of room 182 - Brian (my dyke) and my nephew dykes Kuo and Nguyen (or is he my roommate?)- be proud of the school you go to, keep your head straight, and don't go for big chicks like Dan did. Boom and Chris, it's been a blast- see you in the Army. Yut!

Dykes: 1988 - Phillip C. Jones
1994 - Charles B. Duke

I can't believe it's finally coming to an end. What a ride! F Troop, you guys are the best. Who would've thought that after those bonding parties in 472 we'd get this far? Danny, Tater, Scotty and Rich, we've had some times. Timmy, we were the Baldwin terrors. Thanks for the friendship and opening up your home to me. I can't thank you enough. When you're a Doc, I'll come visit you and Sarah. JANEWAY BRAINS!! Tony, you ranker geek. Roomies for 3 yrs and still alive? Thanks for all the bruises and aches, I still hurt. I know you'll go far in the Corps, just don't kill anybody until wartime! Derf, I hate your music! Hang in there Econ. ranger. To Meg, Dawn, Karin and all my MBC pals, thanks for the wonderful drunken times we've had. You made life at VMI bearable. GO SQUIRRELS! Windy, you made my life special. We've had our ups and downs but I'll always love you. Dad, you've made this possible. Without you I wouldn't be who and where I am. I know I haven't told you a lot, but I love you. I want to make you proud.

Dykes: 1988 - Brent Hisao Hashimoto
1994 - KiYong Chong

Stanfield Li Chien

Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Buddha, Dumpy, Chinaman

Honolulu, Hawaii

Volleyball 2, 1; Rifle 4, 3; Sentinels 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; MBC Partyer 2, 1; ASME 1; Navy Scholarship 2, 1; Homecoming 1; Rat, Cpl, Pvt; International Club 1

I came, I saw, I . . . survived, is probably a good description of my 4 years in VMI. The only place I've learned to love and hate at the same time. Although I'm glad that it is finally over, I am thankful for the unusual experiences that VMI has provided. It's strange, I waited so long for my turn to write this history yet it's my turn now and I don't really know what to say next. I guess it is time to make a thank you list. To begin I would like to thank my parents for caring, my brother and sister for understanding. Thank you Eddie, you are one person I can always call when the going gets tough and if we were unable to come up with a solution you can always make me laugh about it. Thanks for always being there for me when I needed since high school. I can't forget Norman, Cheung, and Krista for being great friends for such a long time. I will always remember the special group of First Class EE's, we really deserve special recognition; we are the few and the proud. Especially the High Jack Posse, the group with the highest HW average. Chris, let's go get some Ah Kung Fu Ah Noodle, Gary, rap for me. Joe, A-Ha, Julio, Yo-baby. Special thanks to the EE faculty, thank you for your professionalism and your incredible patience.

Dykes: 1988 - Don Pham (Mad Psysicist)
1994 - Dan Gilbert (Batman)

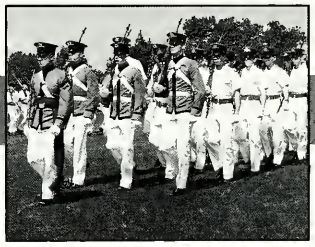
Chen, Jen-wei, Jack

Army, Electrical Engineering

Squad Leader, Jacksohn

Forest Hills, NY, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1 phew made it; Bomb Photographer 3; VMI Investment club 2; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE Photographer, 1, Steve Imel Robotech club, 2, 1; Kung Fu Noodle Crew 21-1.



I have no great words of wisdom to leave, neither do I have any momentous fables to recount. These things are better left to more skillful hands and I am not foolish enough to assume that the reality I found was shared by those around me. It was not. I can only thank my God for this opportunity to look into my soul and find the truth, And thank those responsible for my survival. To Mom and Dad, without you none of this would have been possible, I am forever your son and in your debt. To Dan, no one could ask for a better brother or true friend. To the rest of my family (this includes you, Ms. Susan Friski), Brother Rats, friends, both inside the four walls and out, in your heart you know who you are — just as I do. Thanks for the love, memories, and education. And to Amy, never be afraid to believe, I believe in us.

Take Care And God Bless,

Dykes: 1988 - Kipp Mattis, John Doyle, R.L.C. Warren

Rats - Mike Fletcher, Mike Webb

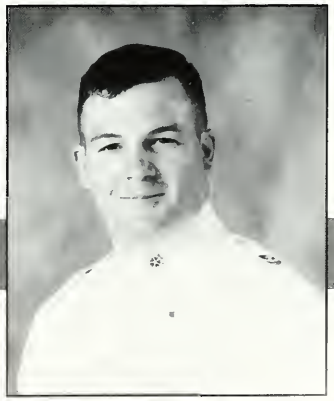
John Matthew Childs

SS - English

J.C., Pitbull, Übermenche

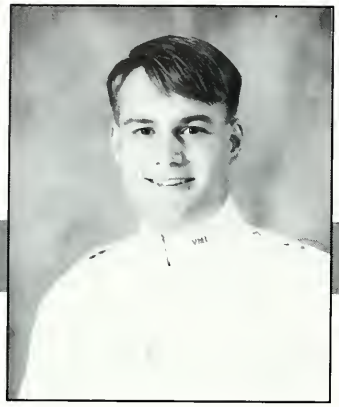
Williamsburg, West Virginia

Rat 4, Corporal 3, Msgt. 2, Lt. 1, God Squad 3, 2; DAAC 3, 2, 1; Secretary 2, Vice-chairman 1, RDC 2, 1, Vice President 1, Mosh Man 2, 1,;The Five 4; HMWH 3, 2.



Steven M. Callahan

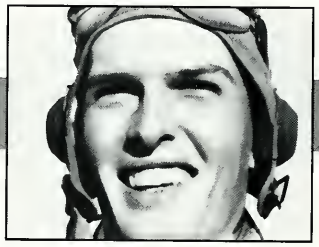
Air Force - Economics & Business



PB, Batman, Jed, Moses

Harrisonburg, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Cadre 3, 2; Rat Training 3; Cadet Investment Club 3; TEBA 1; Hop & Floor 2, 1;, Circle K 1; Big Red Club 2, 1



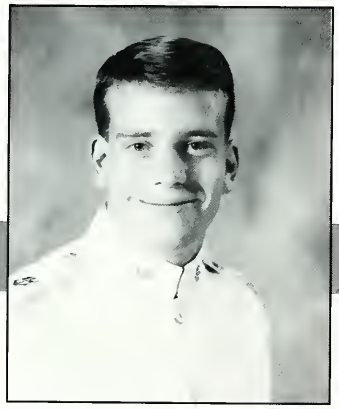
Last week my father could not believe that I have actually been here four years and will soon graduate. Matriculation does, in a way, seem to have been only a few months ago, but at times my stay here feels more like ten years. The VMI experience has often been a giant pain in the butt, but it is definitely worth it. It is natural for me to forget the bad and remember the good now that it is over. VMI has given me the challenge I looked for, and although the rewards so far have been few and far between, they are irreplaceable.

Any cadet knows that it cannot be done alone. Todd, Scott, Dave, Rich, Pete, Dave, Rich, and Craig, thanks for all the good times. I am looking forward to many more soon (Moody!). Dad, Mom, Tim, Scott, Dan, and Donald, I could not have done it without your support and encouragement. I love you all very much. Alice, thank you for your constant love and always standing beside me. You have made these last several years the best. 1LT Keith S. Callahan, USA (Aug 23, 1919 - Aug 5, 1943 - MIA)

Dykes: 1988 - John Boniface
1994 - Chris Richmond

Charles Stevens Cathcart

Navy - Civil Engineering



Big Nut

Marion, Virginia

Cross-Country, Indoor, and Outdoor track 4, 3; Honor Court 2, 1; Girl friendless 3, 2, 1

Well, I couldn't have possibly been anymore miserable for 4 years. But, if I had it all to do over again I wouldn't change a thing, because they've been the best 4 years years of my life.

How is it that the best times of my life have been spent wearing wool pants and failing tests? It's the people I've been doing it with. Thanks to my roommates Shultsie, Coley, and Stroke I couldn't have asked for any better. Rooms 112, 111, 106, 136, 109, and 206, we've had a lot of good ones, we'll have some more.

Andy (brother-in-law) Hoofnagle thanks for pulling me through this place and marrying my sister.

Mom and Dad, Thank you for being with me every step of the way. I couldn't have done it without you ("at least you didn't fail everything, son.") I love you both more than words can ever say. You too, Laura and Dufus. Mark, good luck, and hang in there.

Carry on in an orderly manner

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Hoofnagle
1994 - Mark Shropshire

P. Shane Coffman

English - Army

Slug, Coff-box, Box, BC

Birch River, West Virginia

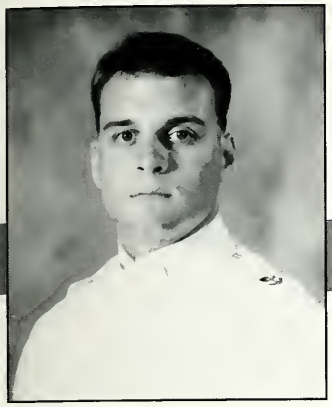
Rat 4, Corporal 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 2, 1; Big Brother/Little Brother 2; VPO Hell 90; VPO Leper 1.

"The strongest man in the world is the one who stands most alone." These words from John F. Kennedy epitomizes my cadetship, not because I do not believe in the term "brother rat," but because I feel this is an important part of the V.M.I. experience. As a rat, a cadet learns he must work with his BR's as a team, but he also realizes it is up to him and only him whether he stays or leaves. It took a great amount of determination and self-sacrifice to finally reach my first class year at V.M.I. Looking back, I remember several times I wanted to give up, but for some reason I stayed. I guess it was a combination of fate and stubborness. Yet, for what ever reason, I am glad I stayed. I believe I got the best education I possibly could have gotten. In closing, I would just like to say thanks to my Mom, my Grandparents, and my roommates for putting up with me and supporting me throughout my cadetship. Also, thanks V.M.I. for an interesting four years.

Dykes: 1987 - Kevin McClung
1988 - Brad Adams
rat - Ty (Rocky) Johnson

Robert Fritchman Cole

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Bob, Fatty, Yaaaaaaa

Springfield, Virginia

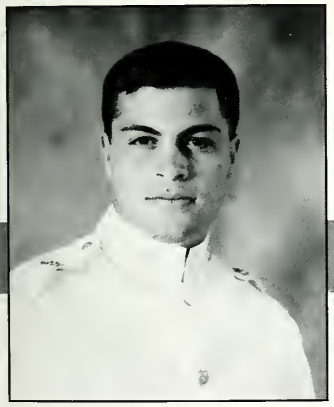
Class Historian 3, 2, 1; President, Student Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 90-91; Deans List; Football 4, 3.

An all guys school? No partying? Classes on Saturday? Penalty tours? It all sounded like a nightmare. Well it was at times. Along about second class year you begin to understand, in a sick sort of way, that it's all worth it. I'm glad that realization finally came to me because third class year was a living hell. Getting through this would have been utterly impossible without the support of some very important people in my life. First, my family: Mom, Dad, Robin and Peewee, I love you all very much. You have done more for me than I could begin to mention. Thank You! The boys of 112-Chris, Pat and Bucky, we've been through a lot since prestrain summer. When I think of the best friends in my life, you all are them. I hope we never lose that. To the boys in the hole, Drape, Chuck, Aaron and everyone - Good Luck. Rooms 114, 106, 102, & 111, We've had some great times. Keep in touch. Sparky and dykes, hang in there. Thanks. At last, Michelle, you mean the world to me little girl. I could say a million things that all mean I Love You. We're almost there.

Dykes: 1988 - Carlos Lofstrom, Mark Reilly
1994 - Michael S. Nagao (Sparky)

William E. Coleman III

Army - English



Wild Bill

Richmond, Virginia

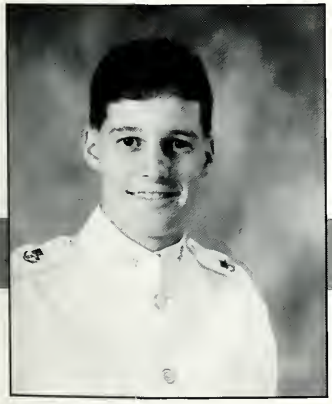
Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 1; Rat 4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Reg. S-5 Lt. 1; Dean's List; Monogram Club; Jannusch/Coleman Classic Champion 4, 1.

I would like to thank God for his continuous blessings and my family for all their love and support throughout my cadetship. Somehow we have managed to "keep it in the row", and I will be forever grateful. I love you all. To Col. Monsour I extend my deepest gratitude for all of your guidance and inspiration. Despite the long hours and low pay, I enjoyed working as a cadet assistant. I am also grateful for the comic relief and support from all of my roommates. Wade, I wish you the best in the Navy. Andrew and Tim, thanks for all the precious memories you have helped to create of the sport we love. The Institute has forced me to lead a disciplined lifestyle and through this regimented system I have gained more than an education. I will leave with both a tear and a smile knowing that: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (II Timothy 4:7)

Dykes: 1988 - Kevin Alvis
1994 - Sean Harrington
- Bret Wilkinson

Andrew Hugh Collier

Navy - Economics and Business



Andy, Drew, Rasta

Alexandria, Virginia

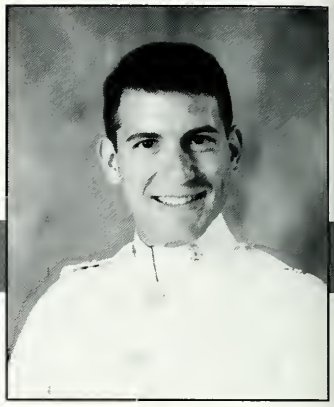
Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Nuthin' 1; Water Polo 3, 2; Investment Club 2, 1; Cadet Ass't Life- guard 2, 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Scouting Club 2, 1

Life is a series of hellos and goodbyes, I'm afraid it's time for goodbye again." Never before has saying goodbye been such a bittersweet experience. I think back on the dumb, scared 17 year old that walked through the arch on that miserable August morning, and realize I've grown up here. But now my time here is drawing to a close. Where did it all go? A few words of thanks: Jim, Tom and KC, thanks for putting up with me, and never once throwing me out, even though you guys thought about it. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Clark, thank you for all you have done for me these four years. You opened your hearts and your home to me, and I'll be eternally grateful. Sponge, thank God you're back. I missed the Captain of the Jeep. Never say die, man. Craiggie, make the most of your time here, it'll be over before you know it. Most of all, Mom and Dad, thank you. You made this all possible and I love you both very much. Hey Sponge, "Bimbo limbo's where I've been. I know you know that it's wearing me thin." Good luck all, Good bye.

Dykes: 1988 - John L. MacMichael
1994 - Craig L. Dietrich

David Conforti

Navy - International Studies



Arnie, Square Britches, Dom

Placentia, California

Rat 4, Corporal 3, Private 2, Lieutenant 1; Golf Team 4, 3, 2, Captain 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, Academically Distinguished 1; Phi Alpha Theta 2, 1; Int'l Club 2, 1; IRC 2, 1; Pre-Law Society

At VMI, I learned to accept the good with the bad. Rat year revolutionized my life, while enduring the entire four years has provided me with the self-confidence I need to take on the world. For this, I am grateful.

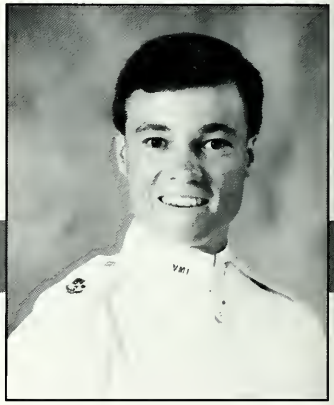
However, lack of access to the world outside Limit Gates and lack of the opportunity for mobility are the main shortcomings of the Institute. For me, social interaction and exploring the world around us are life's highlights. In their promotion, VMI failed.

Jimmy, Chris, Bill - I'll miss our years together. You guys mean the world to me. John, hang in there and enjoy your time here, it truly is unique. My warmest thanks to Mom, Pop, Diane, Donna, Snoopy, Aunt Dawna, the Julio's, and the rest of my family. You're the best! To never slow down, to laugh often, and to soak up all life has to offer, these are my personal keys to success. Just as VMI represents the road less travelled, to insure my personal happiness I will continue upon this unbeaten path ... wherever it may lead.

Dykes: 1988 - Andrew Gillespie
1994 - Jonathan Beggs

John A. Consolvo III

Army S.S. - English and French



Conslobo

Suffolk, Virginia

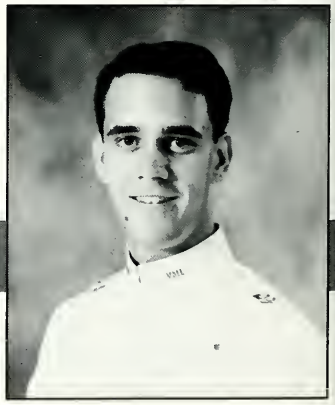
Cpl 3; Sgt 2; S-5 Lt. 1; Canterbury Club 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 1; Pre-Law Society 3; Drug & Alcohol Committee 2, 1

Wow! A first class history. It seems like just yesterday I was walking through Jackson Arch with hair down the back of my neck and a cast on my arm, wondering what in the hell I'd gotten myself into. Well, the hair and the cast are gone, but I have yet to figure out what I'm doing here! However, I have to admit I've met some great people these past few years. Doc Monsour- For the sake of future cadets, I hope you never leave this place. Jim- a lot of marriages don't last 4 years! Chris- "We'll get together over Christmas!" J.T. - Don't forget us when you become a General. Paul- I think I'll name my first kid after you. To my family: Mom, Mame, Pop, Ed and Coulbourn, it is home that I think of when I need something to brighten my day. George, Linda, Baga & PomPom- it's been so nice getting to know you all better these past 4 years. To everyone else, thanks for everything; I wish there was room to mention you all.

Dykes: 1988(87) - Bruce Bangley
1994 - Lee Worrell

Steven G. Costello

Special Student - Mechanical Engineering



Hebe, Splooge, Elvis, Slobstelo

Dumfries, Virginia

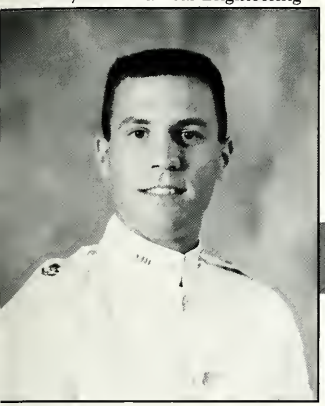
VMI Commanders 4, 3, 2, 1 - Treasurer 2, V. P. 1; Bugler 3, 2, 1 - Head Bugler 1; Glee Club 4; Treasurer SPS 1; Engineering Society 1; Rat Training Cadre 1; Computer Assist. 3, 2

When I decided to come to VMI, My dad said "Son, you're not cut out for the military, why don't you go to a civilian college." Well Dad, you were right! However, I can't say I regret coming here. VMI has given me great opportunities & the memories with my BR's can't be topped. To the 417 crew, those days were the worst and the best. Gaddis, you and I are the only natives. Buckland, go Bucklidate. Dan, from the VW bug, chimichangas, good tapes, and African Black Gorillas, to all night discussions, and trips to Lee High, you've been my best friend. Christine, with VMI forcing me to feel like dirt, you have always made me feel on top of the world! I know its been tough, thanks for sticking it out. I love you. To my family, thanks for all your love and support in spite of the little time I spent at home. Dad, I cherish the road trips. To Costello Plg. thanks for the financial support. And to the Sowalas, thanks for always being there to hear me. To all who have helped me, keep up the good work there's I more year to go! . . . "Jiminy Crickets, is this some sort of a gag?"

Dykes: 1988 - Matt Wauben
1994 - Jeff "Monkey" Crenshaw

R. C. Coupland III

Army - Mechanical Engineering



Rich, Dick, Magneto, Rackslut

Annandale, Virginia

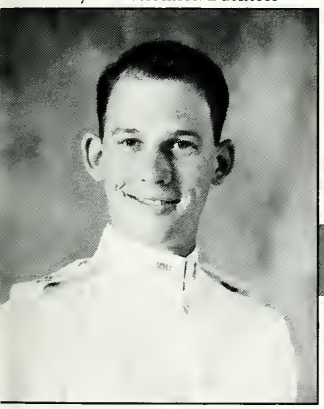
Rat 4, Corporal 3, Sergeant 2, Regt. Color Sgt. 2, Batt. Adj. 1; Boomvang 4, 3, 2, 1; The Boys In The Hole 4, 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 3, 2; ASME 1; Running Club 1

I remember my Grandfather asking me to look at VMI when I was choosing a college. I said I'd have to be insane to go here. Well . . . I did go insane, and hell began. After the Ratline came the roommates, and we had fun in hell. Smitty- I'm sorry your marketing idea of salt-water rifle cleaner fell through, but the book on morals will be a big seller. Aaron- You have given me my limited knowledge of country music, and the talks of women we thought we loved. Hans- We've really become good friends. Thanks for the intro. to the West, and the Magneto nickname. Good luck in the Corps, and use your weird light sparingly. Those who enjoyed Crabfest, wait' til reunions! Guys in the Hole- stick it out, you're almost done, welcome to the Brotherhood. DJ- Good luck; remember, this place is awesome. My Family- I love you all, for without you these years would have been true hell. And finally, DAD- You are my best friend, and the memories with you are forever. I may be a Rat to you, but my ring is bigger! I Love You, Dad.

Dykes: 1988 - Samuel Russell
1994 - Donald J. Fix

Jeffrey G. Covey

Navy - Economics/Business



"Ears", "Radar", "Cuv"

Dunedin, Florida

Rat 4; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Theatre 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Virginia Gentlemen 1

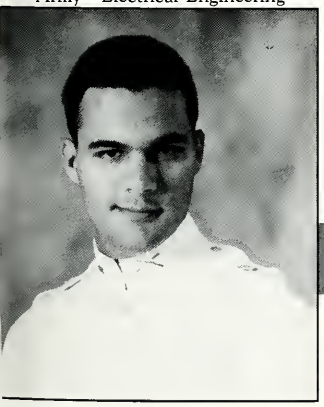
Change. That's the one word I can best use to describe the VMI experience for me. From the moment I left home one early August morning to the time I will take my diploma, I have changed. Some has been for the worse, but most has been for the better, but all has taught me something about myself.

Through it all, many people have helped me along and though I can't mention everyone I thank you all. "Opie" and the guys of 261 - thanks for the guidance and a shelter from the ratline. George - maybe the Navy can tell us apart now, right? Robin, H2O or 2HO? Paul, lighten up, pal! Ben, best of luck in the Navy. Dean, thanks for keeping my head on straight (but not my shoulder boards). Joellen, thank you for giving me a chance and the joy of the theatre. Mom and Dad, thank you for your love and support. I'll do my best to return it. Finally and most of all, to Mary, thank you for the love and happiness you've given me. We have a whole lifetime ahead of us and it's only the beginning. "As you wish."

Dykes: 1985 - Frank "Opie" Dow
1994 - Benson Louis
- David Truslow

Joseph Lee Covey

Army - Electrical Engineering



Joe Rastaman

Seattle, Washington

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 2; Foreigner 4, 3, 2, 1; Concourse Dweller 1; Costa Rica 4; Phillippines 3; Bangladesh 2; Seattle, Washington 1; Va Tech Traveller 4, 3, 2, 1

I have so much to thank VMI for; lessons in humility, leadership and responsibility, to name a few. I've often hated VMI but I've always come back to learn what only VMI can offer and no other university can. Looking back on my experiences I can say that it wasn't just "worth the effort," but I enjoyed it. I never thought I'd say that. Thanks to my family, including the Fernandez family and to Terry, Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Manning, and my Brother Rats, especially A.J., Chris, and John. Without your help I would not have stayed. Mom and Dad, you've given me all that I am and all that I ever hope to be, I can never thank you enough. Jack Chen, ah-hah. Chris Julio, take care, lead a good life. Danny, best of luck to you, I hope all your dreams come true. Always try to do better than you ever thought you could, you'll never regret it.

It is better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all.

Life is too short to waste, so live every moment as if it were your last.

Dykes: 1988 - Andre Urtiew
1994 - Danny "The Shmack" Felty

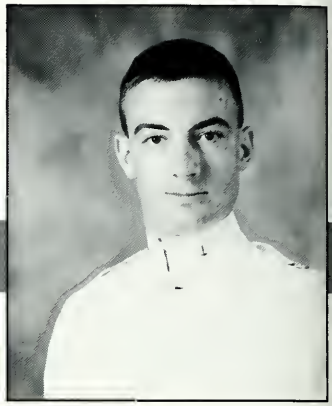
Donald A. Cribbs

Navy - Physics

Critter, Flash, Schlafmeister

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Regimental S-4, 1: Alpha Co. Ops Sgt., 2: Alpha Co. Cpl, 3: RAT, 4; Chaplain's Bible Study 4, 3, 2, 1; OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; Brass Ensemble 2, 1; VMI Roadrunners 1 (USMC Marathon)



It is odd, sitting here writing my first class history. I remember my dyke telling me when I was a rat that he could not believe that his time had come. I realize now what he was feeling. I am grateful to you, Wayne. You were exactly what I needed to help me adapt to this strange place. I realize also that I did not and do not have the strength to make it through here alone. Without the help of my mother, father, and brother, I know that I would not be writing this history. The help of Chaplain and Mrs. Caudill and Col. and Mrs. Hammond were an important part of my cadetship. However, most of all, I must thank the LORD for never turning away from me, even when I turned away from Him. Without His strength, guidance, and forgiveness, I would be lost. Many cadets here have made my tenure as a cadet very difficult. I hope to forget them as soon as possible. But many made it a journey worth remembering. Chris Goff, Todd Freiwald, Steve Peyton; I wonder if you would recognize your legacy. To all of my family here, Phil. 4:13, John 3:16, Isaiah 40:31, I Corinthians 13

Dykes: 1988 - Wayne Sinclair
1994 - Jason Cardoza

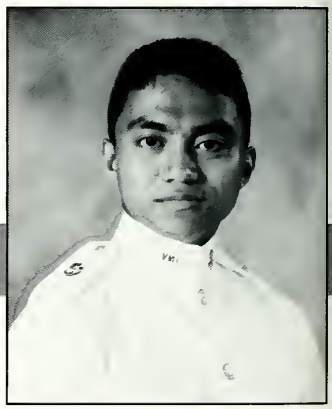
Christopher A. Cruz

Navy - Civil Engineering

Little Brown Man, Gimme Some

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Cadre Corporal 3, Master Sgt. 2, Alpha Co. Commander, Boxing Team Captain, VMI Engineering Society, Navy Trident Society Vice President, Rat Disciplinary Committee



My first reaction is to say that I can't believe I'm already writing my First Class History, but I can believe it. I can believe it because I remember the sweat pouring from my body and the tears about to explode from my eyes as I survived the tests which my Echo Corporals unselfishly set for me. I believe it because of all the ecstasies and heartaches I've experienced throughout my cadetship, from the joy of donning the ring to the tragedy of losing one that I blindly loved.

My feelings about the Institute will always be mixed, but my heart will never betray her. The "I" has given me too many things that I could never have gotten anywhere else — the best roommates in barracks, brothers that I will never forget, and the chance to test myself as a leader. Knowing only what I observed and having many good intentions, my strongest wish is that I have made an influence on potential leaders of the Corps, both in Hardcore Alpha and Tiger Echo. Bellies, Tigers, and dykes — keep the pride and gimme some!

Dykes: 1988 - Roy Hill
1994 - Rich Armstrong

Jeffrey R. Cuiper

Army - History/International Studies

"Clueper", "Cupid"

Katy, Texas

Cpl, 1SG, Bn CO; MNMBn CO; DMG: Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Roadrunners 2, 1; Ring Design: SMP 2, 1; Promaji 1; Phi Alpha Theta 2, Pres 1; Fencing 4, 3, 2; Cadre 3, 2; AUSA; Rat Training; Abn, AA, LLC

Well . . . where to start? The VMI experience has been a character building one for me. The Institute and the Corps has shaped me and allowed me to actualize myself. I came to VMI in the summer of '87 fresh from a year at Boston U. - a year spent drunkenly and licentiously away from the fabric of a small Texas town. Without much purpose except for a vague sense of a distant goal, I hurled myself into the maelstrom of the Rat Line. As if by Divine Providence, I came to accept the challenge in earnest and drove myself to achieve. The elusive Grail of the "Institute Man" is almost in my reach. I will quest further upon receiving my commission and carve out what my future holds for me in the Army. I owe everything in the world to my mother. Her selfless devotion to my success and endless sacrifices over the years gives me inspiration and instills in me an enormous pride. My roommates-Andy and Jon-put up with me over the years. Thank you. In the final analysis, I regard the Institute with both exasperation and devout fidelity. I look forward with confidence to the future.

Dykes: 1988 - Hugh McGloin, John Scarpino
1994 - (?) John "Rody" Grant

It's hard to believe that the time has finally come to try to condense my four years at V.M.I. into 20 short lines. From the humblest beginnings of the Ratline into the First Class year, V.M.I. has been a home, a haven, a dungeon, and a stepping stone. The things which I will take with me are the friends I have made. To even try to name everyone would take more pages than I have here. To Lee Baines, thanks for all the stupid things during rat year. All the jokes helped to keep me sane! To the Rauch-meat, third-class year was a blast! Good Luck to you and the wife! To Steve and Dan without whom second class year would have driven me up a wall, thanks for the good times guys and remember, "What do you want to do, Swap spit?!". To the Slugs, it's been the best thing I ever did at V.M.I.! Rugby? Rugby? No S - - -! To Rob and Thor, don't worry guys I'll graduate, not a problem! To Scott and Robin, you've got a long way to go but a know the heart to make it. Izzy, we're like brothers, we've got the scars to prove it. To Erika, Thank you! I love you! nuff said.

Dykes: 1987 -Mike Wright
1994 -Scott Cole
Robin "leach" Riviere

Shannon Marc Daly

Navy-Economics/Business

The Dog, Jean-Claude

Leesburg, Virginia

Rat 4; Ranker 3; Ac. Delinquent 2; D for Diploma 1; Rugby 2, 1; Glee club 4, 3; Firefighters 2; Martial Arts club 4, 3; Late-night furlough club 4, 3, 2, 1; Engaged 2, 1.

I will depart from the majority of my brother rats in that I am not going to describe my years at V.M.I. as years of hell and misery. It would be rather depressing to believe that the greatest challenges that life had to offer are in the past. It has not been easy nor has it been enjoyable. The system that many have fought for the last four years I embrace, it has developed within me a spirit and character that I have found lacking in most people who have not shared in my experience. I do not see V.M.I. or the Rat line as my greatest accomplishment, rather I see it as a cornerstone and a building block. To me the V.M.I. diploma is a symbol of what I can do and not a symbol of what I have done already.

My journey through V.M.I. has not been made alone. I would like to thank my parents for all the help that they have given me I could not have done it without you. Jean, you've made it all worthwhile and I love you Brian, Kev, Ski, Martin, Rob, thanks and Semper Fi.

Dykes: 1988 - Drew McKone
1994 - Sean Murray

Christian F. Daniels

Marine Corps - History

Jack

Miller Place, New York

Corporal 3; Operations Sergeant 2; Regt Adjutant 1; O.C. 1; Semper Fi 3, 2; Roadrunners 3, 2; Club 22 3, 2, 1; Rat 4, 3, 2, 1

I have seen a cycle throughout life that is we go from the bottom and work our way to the top continuously striving for the best. Well, here I am at "the top" ready for an adventure off the rapelling cliff to the plateau called "the bottom." As any rapeller knows, it is hard work to reach the top of the cliff and quite easy to drop to the bottom. But he also knows that he has help from others and his rope which is on belay and "the bottom" isn't all that bad. I have had "help received" and hopefully helped others when they were in need. My parents have given me everything they could so I could stay here and I am very thankful for that. I love y'all both. To all my family thank you and I love you!! To all my friends (whom I would be hard pressed to name for fear of leaving some out) thanks for everything also, and remember that you to will soon be doing this same thing. Roommates: It has been GREAT!! (through thick n' thin) Rich, keep going strong and dykes GET SMART!!! and STAY!!! Chaplain continue everything here at the 'I'. The most thanks belong to God because He has led and will lead me forever!! Phil 1:3

Dykes: 1988 - Vic Sredl
1994 - Nick Berezoski, Dewayne Witt

Christopher P. Daniels

Army - Biology/BS(CS Minor)

JAWS, Continuous Dining, CD

Houston, Texas

Rat: 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Glee Club: 4, 3, 2, 1 (Historian); Volleyball: 3, 2, 1; OCF: 4, 3, 2, 1; Bio Soc: 2, 1; Rel Act Com: 1 (ACIC); LSU: 3, 2, 1; S-5 Tour Guide: 4, 3, 2, 1; Champion Eater: Forever!

James Lewis Davis III

Army - Mechanical Engineering

Wacky - Wackyd - Covington

Covington, Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; Bad Grades 4, 3, 2, 1; Palms Club 2; Dean's List (AC Pro) 2; Hated Life 4, 3; The Horsemen 1; A. S. M. E. 1; Weekend Warrior 1

Traci, what can I say? Thanks, for putting up with me! You were always there for me. Now, I'll be there for you. We can get on with the real world, together. To my family and family-to-be, Thanks for everything.

Pat, Flip and Joe, I'll never forget RAT year. Flip, do I smell something BURNING? Joe, how did we room together without any fuss? I guess the nights at the Palms helped us understand each other. Remember, MAJ Jones and CAPT Powers? Steve, I still don't understand you. Maybe someone at MED school can figure you out? Beau, "that's the LIBRARY". Good Luck, ALL.

"The best and worst of times" truly describes VMI. Things always get worst before they get better. Ask anyone who has taken a class in Mallory Hall.

For the past four years, I have watched this place change many people. I hope, it has changed me for the better but too late if it didn't.

Chad and Chris hang in there, I survived didn't I?

Dykes: 1988 - Scott Hurst
1994 - Chad Gilreath & Chris Doss

Joseph Bradley Davis

Air Force - International Studies

"Gay"

Thaxton, Virginia

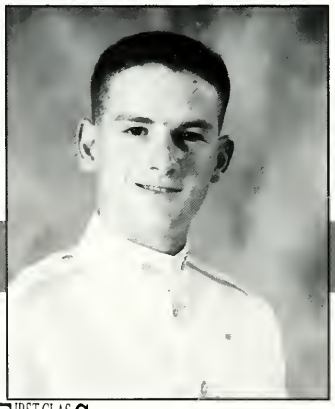
Private 1, Sergeant 2, Corporal 3, Rat 4; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1.

After the longest four years of my life, I would like to thank everyone who has made the years more bearable. Chris and Russ, thanks for helping me keep my sanity over the last four years. We had some really good times together. Rich, I could always count on you to help with a problem, plus you made sure our weekends were never boring. Mom and Dad, thanks for all the love you've shared, and for driving cadets to and from VMI over the last four years. Marlene and Mike, thanks for providing a home away from home, and for feeding many hungry cadets. Buddy, your visits during my rat year are still appreciated to this day. JoAnn, thanks for listening to my complaints over the past four. Your love has really helped me in the last year. To VMI, well ..... GOODBYE! ! !

Dykes: 1988 - John Gillespie, Tom Taylor
1994 - Tim Snow

J. Scott Walker Day

Marine Corps - English



Scotty, Fat Butt, Brick

Fairfax, Virginia

Cpl. 3; A Co. Master Sgt. 2; F Co. Comander1 (For a week anyhow); Pvt. 1; Rat Training 3, 1; Water Polo 3, 2; Roadrunners 1; Cadre P. T. Inst. 3, 2; Sounding Brass, Semper Fi

Three years ago I left behind the security of my youth so that I could delve into a new and exciting adventure, that I hoped would turn me into a man, prepare me for a successful life, and lead to a commission in the Marine Corps. With regards to the first goal, I still feel like a kid. As for the second goal, ask me in 20 years. And for the third; I'll be there in June. These past years have been a bittersweet few, that I will cherish for life. I'd like to thank a few people who made it a little easier. Hammerhead, Parf, le Chien, and Richie- you guys mean the world to me, and I'll miss you. Melanie, I have great hopes for the future. You have stuck by me through the whole thing, and I truly appreciate that. Mom, your concern and love has always meant a great deal to me- I'll always be your baby! Dad, you've been my role model and inspiration. You allowed me to chose my own road and gave me tremendous support. Stevie, you've helped a lot too, thanks. Kev, hang tough - you'll do fine. Semper Fi & AMF! -"I laughed, I cried, I thought I was a Kid again"-

Dykes: 1988 -David Hope
1994 -Kevin "Vermun" Vermillion

I am not about to sum up four years of my life in one paragraph. I will, however, express my deep gratitude to my parents and family for helping me make it through college (regardless of where I went). Of course, a thanks is due to John and Kai for putting up with me. Best of luck in the Navy, guys. Finally, to all my Brother Rats, thank you for all the support and good luck in the real world.

Dykes: 1988 - Pat O'Neil
1994 - Glenn Light

James Rosario Demers

Navy - Physics

Jim

Beavercreek, Ohio

Honor Court 1 - S. P. S. Pres 1 - Sigma Pi Sigma 1, 2 - Phi Kappa Phi 1, 2 - V.M.I. Fire Fighter 1, 2, 3 - Dean's List 1, 2, 3, 4 - Bat S-2 - Sgt - Cpl - Boxing Club 3 - D&A Com 1, 2

VMI has been a momentous challenge and one which I shall never forget. VMI is not an end, but a beginning-down the long, but instantaneous flash of brilliant life. May God grace our steps through the tide and let us taste life's essence. Mom and Dad-you have been my constant support flowing with unbridled love and help. Kirk-my only brother, you have made it easy for me to model my life into success. Cindy-my sis, may you and Kirk find the bright sun blessing your lives and those you create. My roommates, Bri-my sensitivity and pure thought, Sean-my craziness and zest for life, and Eddie-"Spike"-my dance flow and laid back advice. I can't tell you all how much you've made VMI-together. Krug-may you and Vik find the rainbow, thanks for the support, you have been a brother to me. My sweet child, Rebecca, I love you. How quickly life passes-may we find our lives fulfilled.

Dykes: 1988 - Thomas Salvatore Munno
1994 - Charles Berry West

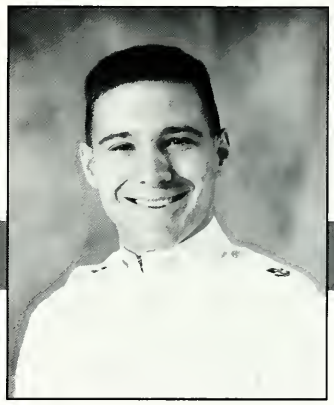
Victor Alan Dewyea

Army - Biology

Stress, Bipper, Dick/short

Warrenton, Virginia

Pvt 4, Satan Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Captain 1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; Sports Writer/Bomb 3; TCFC Chairman 3, 2; '91 Class Treasurer; RDC 1; PT Club 4, 3, 2, 1



If nearly every institution of higher learning teaches its members the importance of attributes such as self-reliance, courage, discipline, fidelity, and personal integrity, then I'm glad I learned them at VMI.

That sure as hell doesn't mean I wasn't plenty miserable, though. I won't miss the late nights, early mornings, and endless rules a bit. But thanks to my friends, and especially my roommates, I managed to put together some semblance of a social life to help me get through.

Most of all, however, I owe a debt of gratitude to my family. It is through my Mom, Dad, and brother Matt that I have drawn the strength to see this challenge to its conclusion. Thanks to the three of you for your patience and love.

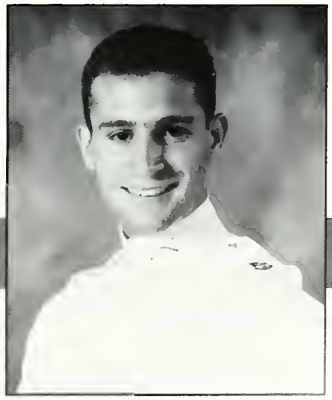
Dykes: 1988 - Pete Heisey
1994 - Mitch Wells

Geoffrey Alan Dick

Army - Economics

Vienna, Virginia

Homesick 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Lt. 1; Investment Group 3, 2, 1; Rugby 3; Water Polo 2; VRS 1; Magic Bus 3



Peter Joseph Dillon

USMC - English

Pete, Pete The Dog, Le Chien

Gales Ferry, Connecticut

Pvt. 4, 1; Cpl. 3; Color Sgt. 2; Co. Cmdr. 1; Water Polo 2; English Society 2, 1; Semper Fi 1; Intercollegiate Greek Sprint Team 2, 1; Rat Training 1; Friends of George Dickel Society

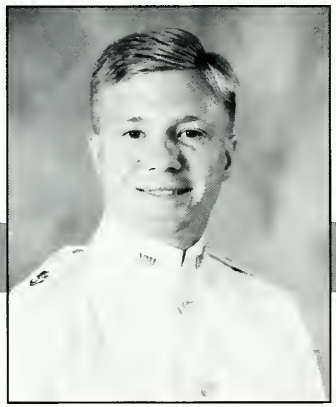
I guess I've finally accomplished what I sought after four years of the most extreme emotions I've ever experienced. At times I felt like I was finally doing something on my own, but I doubt I could have made it without the support of several people. Mom, these few words could never be enough to thank you for the freedom you gave me. You allowed me so many mistakes that I learned from, even though you always knew the right path. I missed you the most. Pop, you will always be my inspiration. If I could ever fall into the shadow of the man you are I would be happy. You always told me how proud you are of me, but it could never equal the pride I feel for you. I rarely told you both but know it is always true-I love you. Paul and Jim, your leadership and care was a great gift and not unnoticed.

Dan, Scott, and Todd, you guys are the closest friends I will ever know. I will always miss you and the many cold ones. Gary and Doug, you showed me the meaning of dedication. Kev, stay proud, I hope you learned from me. Finally, thanks to the Institute, I might miss you too! Semper Fi, Devildogs, hello FMF.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Bready
1994 - Kevork Juskalian

Michael Colin Donovan

Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Coley, Uncool, Unruly

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cross Country 4, 3; Track 4, 3; Water Polo 2, 1; IEEE 2, 1; Whale Harpooning 3, 2, 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1

My time has finally arrived. After seeing two brothers graduate, I wondered if I was ever going to make it this far. VMI took me in, chewed me up, and slowly molded me into the man I am now, something no one can take away from me. If VMI taught me anything, it taught me that if a person works hard enough he can accomplish anything. The friends and memories that I have made along the way are very special to me. Roomies, you guys are the best. I could always count on you guys for anything. Rm 112 you guys never ceased to amaze me. Rick and Quinn: bros you took great care of me. If VMI did anything it brought us closer together. I love and respect you both. Smidge: remember 3rd class yr. Your love and support made this place bearable. Thanks for sticking by me, I Love You. MOM: I feel your presence every day. Your love and determination paid off, I made it. You will always be in my heart. Dad: you have helped me so much along the way. Your patience and understanding meant so much to me. You have become my best friend through this journey. Thank you and I LOVE YOU.

Dykes: 1988 - Todd Robinson
1994 - Cloyd Lilley: H. Kelly

Benjamin Rolfe Dorman

Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Ben, Doorknob, Enbay

Norfolk, Virginia

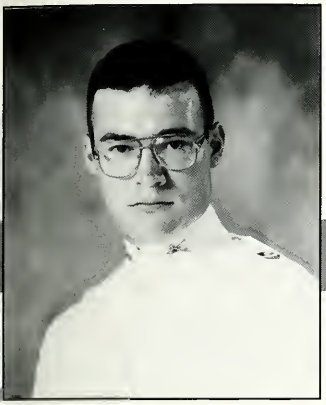
Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Theatre 3, 2, 1:BM, VP/PD, TA; Trident Soc 4, 3, 2, 1; Purple Passion 2, 1; Bromp master 2, 1; Tendo 1; Stoop Sliding 3; ASME 1; VMI Eng Soc 1; Soccer 4; BEN2VMI 1

August 19, 1987, about 11:30. It's taken me less than 1/2 hour to figure out that this place sucks. Now, four years later, it's amazing how accurate first impressions can be. Yet like those who have gone before me, I love this place and I am proud to be an Alumnus. Thanks to Mom and Dad for everything, to Libby for rat-year cookies and visits, to the Shorters for a home away from home, to Joellen and the VMIT, and thanks to Brenda for being a good friend. Rat year is a distant memory to me, only Breakout remains chillingly vivid. 3rd class:Stoop sliding, midnight wrestling, $5/night Gaunlet, Covey in a closet, Charlie Brown, LSI, Brother Rat. 2nd class year: Jeff moves in, bromping, Carrie, RF'91, LSII, Stalag, I Acts, South Pacific (South Pathetic). Ist class year: Tendo, more bromping, T-BIRDSC, No doubles, diviners?, Catch Me? THE BEST IS YET TO COME! "It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly, unless one has plenty of work to do." Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow, on Being Idle, Jerome Klapka Jerome 1889.

Dykes: 1987-Matthew Sutton
1994-Trey Steeley

Regis J. Dotterweich Jr.

Army SS - English



Ray, Dotty, Cap'n Ray

Kingsville, Maryland

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; C Co. Guidon Bearer 2, 1; CWRT 3, 2, 1 (Pres. 1); Midnight Boarding Parties 2, 1; Insomniacs Anon. 3, 2, 1; Cell Block 63 3, 2, 1; Denhead 3, 2

If Shakespeare was correct in saying that all the world is a stage, and we are merely players, then these past four years have been the greatest performance of my career. My diploma is analogous to an Oscar. Like anyone else receiving an award, I must take this time to thank those in my life who've made this performance possible. To my Mother and Father, and my Sister and Grandmother, you have made a high-school kid's dreams come true. I could never repay you for all of the love and support that you've given to me. I Love You and thank you. To my dyke (88) Dave, you kept me going when all seemed bleak. To the best roommates that anyone could ask for - Chad and Chris (and Dan the Worm too) - we've spent many a sleepless night talking about nothing, but somehow it all seems worth it; after all, "it's beyond our control." Schmeve, the insanity we shared kept me sane in this place. Big Wave, I promised you that I'd mention you. Lastly, to Michelle Renee, the best part of my last two years and the shining star in my future; What else can I say but, I Love You!

Dykes: 1988 - David R. Reynolds
1994 - Addison E. Field

Ken D. Draper

Special Student - Mechanical Engineering

Drape, Doughboy

Alexandria, Virginia

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student 3, 2, 1; Confinement Kid 2, 1; Circle K 1; Sigma Delta 1; Stick Roulette Club 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 2; VMI CADET 2, 1; Houston Vice 1

I have long forgotten the reasons I came to VMI. Whatever they were, they now seem so trivial. My time here has had its share of bitter moments. I leave with no regrets.

To the many friends I've made here and Pat, the one I showed up with, thanks for all the good times and your support in the bad times. Memories of long hours in the hole, various ventures off post, and countless festive occasions when we weren't really sure what happened, will live to remind me of life at this dump. Your impact will last a lifetime.

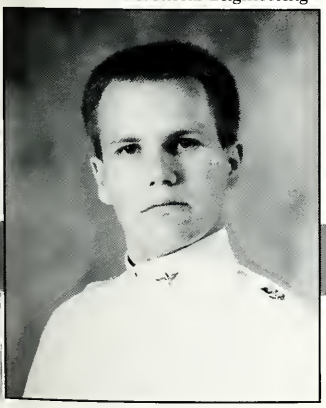
To my roommates, Nick "Duke", Wade "Pig-Pen", and Chris "the Rhetoric man", its been interesting to say the least. I hope Nick learns to appreciate some of the finer things in life. Wade, personal cleanliness - neat idea. Chris, shut up! I wish you all the best. I survived 225!

Lastly, I'd like to thank my parents, without whose infinite love and understanding, I would have never made it. You have been an inspiration and driving force in my life. I hope I can make you half as proud of me as I am of you. I love you both. Thank you for being there.

Dykes: 1988 - Danny W. Riley
1994 - Aric "Spaceman" Southworth

Alan Jon Duda

Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Big Al, The Du

New Castle, Pennsylvania

Fencing 4, 3, 2, 1; CWRT D&S 4, 3, 2, 1; AAS 4, 3, 2; IEEE 4, 2, 1; VMIT 2; Militaria Society 4, 3, 2, 1; DM 2, 1; Ring Figure Blues 2; Old Corps CRC 2, 1; Virginia Gents 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, 1

V.M.I.

It's a good deal.

A good deal of . . . since I am almost an alumnus by now I can say what a great place this is to be from. The stories that I have to tell are too many and too unbelievable to be told here. Ask me about them some time. Thanks Mom. Thanks Dad. Thanks Family, Friends, and Brother Rats. It went too fast.

I'll miss this place.

Dykes: 1988 - Rich Pitts
1994 - Jim "Brasso" Mitchell
- Mike "The Dyke" Wilkinson

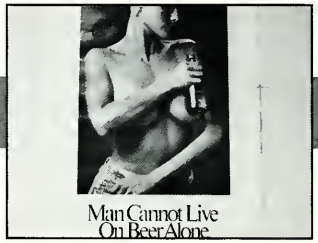
Stephen W. Dudar

Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Du-Du, Doobie, Tweez

Oak Park, Michigan

Private 4, 3, 2,; Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Delta Co. Guidon; OBGLC 4, 3, 2, 1; Room 196 Anti-Social Club, Oversized Car Club, Deans Other List 3

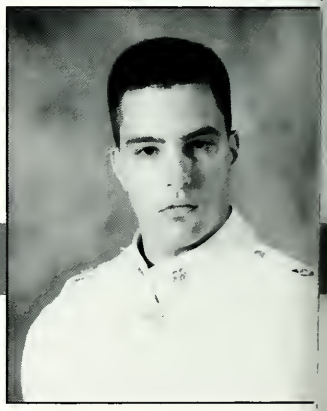


It sure has been a roller coaster ride these past four years. Needless to say Rat year was mostly down hill, though I did manage to have some fun with the help of my Dykes, Tom and Steve. Thank you both. Now third class year just plain . . . well! Let's just say that after moving in with Greg things began to look up. The time has now come, second class year and . . . THE RING! What fun we had together in Richmond! It certainly was a high point-hell, even my grades started to become respectable. First class year is now upon us and I don't know where to begin. It's a shame it all had to go by so fast, but I don't think I could stay another year. If it wasn't for the help of my family, the Lord, my Brother Rats and especially Greg I might not be writing this. I love you all, thank you.

Dykes: 1988 - Tom (Bo-Bo) Bohlmann
1994 - Gary Gulliksen (Gullikswierd)

Michael Gerard Duda

Economics - Marine Corps



Tiny Tim, Dudas, Battle Pup

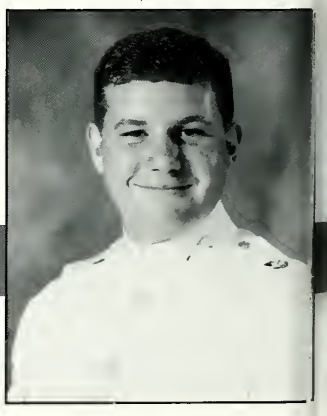
Potomac, Maryland

Football Manager 4, 3, 1, Trident Society 4, 3, Sempi Fi Society 1, Dean's List, Cantebory Club 4, 3, 1

It is really difficult to put into words what the VMI experience has given me. In the simplest terms, my VMI adventure has been the road less taken. I traded the wonders of Marine Boot Camp on Paris Island for a year. I came into this place with a year of college already under my belt. I discovered my real education did not begin until Rat year. Always there are choices to be made. With very few regrets, I can honestly say I would make the same choices to put me in the same place in my own private history that I am in today. This would not have been possible without the loving and dedicated support from those I love . . . Kate, I told you I'd make it one way or another. Dad, thanks for the sympathetic ear and an open mind to my problems. Mary Jo and Ric, you two were there for me always, thanks. Lisa and Jeff, thanks for the comic relief, mail, and care packages . . . Lisa, what ever happened to Halloween? Tommy and J., thanks. To my dearest friends, RJ, Kathy, Geoff, Mary Jo S., and John-you're the best. Brian and Kirk, be good to your Rats when the time comes. Finally, Shelia, my love, you are the best thing that has ever happened to me. I love you. Marry me.

John E. Duffy

Army - History



Duff, Vino, Duff-Pig

Wilmington, Delaware

Lacrosse Letterman 4, 3, 2, 1; Newspaper 2; Corporal 3; Dean's Other List 3; Reborn 1; Nice Guy 4, 3, 2, 1; Confused 4, 3, 2, 1

People always ask why I came here. I still don't know. I guess I must thank the people who paid for my education. Mom and Dad, you were always there when I needed you and you helped me through the hard times, the times when I wished I never came to college. Thank you. Brian, you were the cadet I modeled myself after, the guy with all the right answers. You were a major factor in my saying the phrase "I made it."

Jeff, Pat, James, the first friends I made here. We went through a lot of hell in those first six months. If I had to do it over again I would do it with you guys, (and the Bow). The roommates, Kev, Chris, Barry, Mike and James we were together for both the good and bad. It would have been hard to do it without you guys. I'll never forget you. So much for all the mush. I would like to thank Major Willcockson for making my life hell for 4 years. I would like to thank all the women of Virginia for nothing. And I would like to thank the Institute for an education that they say is not paralleled. What a long strange trip its been.

Dykes: 1988 - Ted Wilkinson
1994 - Dave Wyant, James Gaston

Thomas A. Dumouchelle

Air Force - Electrical Engineering

Dumo, Dumb-as-hell, Big Red

Colonial Heights, Virginia

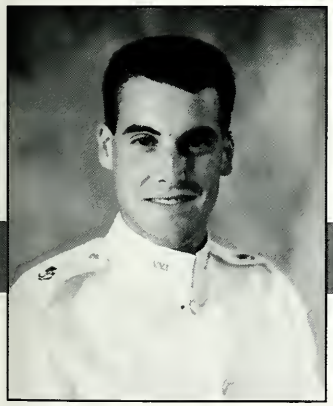
Football 4, 3; Cpl 3, Regt Clr Sgt 2, A Co 1st Plt Lt 1; IEEE Member 2, Vice President 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Midnight Run Club 2; Summer School 3, 2, 1; Alpha Belly 4, 3, 2, 1

There were too many times that I thought I would never make it out of this "wonderful" institution. I owe everything to my Dad who worked so hard to put me through here. I couldn't have done it without you. I also want to thank my one and only true love, Laura, for being patient enough to put up with me and the nonsense that VMI dished out. It's been hard, but nothing in this world worth having comes easy. Finally, I want to thank the guys that make life around here bearable. Denton and Greg (the roomies), I'll always remember the times we had, but I just wish there could have been more of them. You both helped me through here and together (along with a few repeated Calculus classes) we are going to make it out in four years. Chris, Coley and Dan, one day we will have to get together and perform that ultimate PY 302 experiment: reaching the speed of light in a Ford F-150, with a case of Bud and a pack of Redman. Guys, I'll never miss the place, but I will always miss the people. VMI: "A great place to be from, but a terrible place to be at." SEE YA!

Dykes: 1988 - Tim "Manute" West
1994 - Steve Kidd, Bill Raynor

Edward W. Dunnington

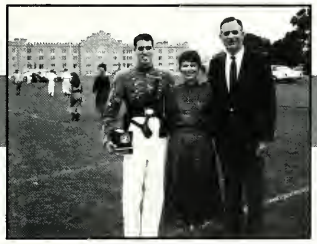
Mathematics - U.S. Army (FA)



Vulture, Tweezer, God-Squader

Fairfax, Virginia

Swimming 4; Letterman 4; Water-polo 1, 2, 3, 4; Bible study 1, 2, 3, 4; OCF 1, 2, 3, 4; Reg cpl 3; Color Sgt 2; Cdt Capt 1.



As I think about my time here at VMI I have to than my Lord Jesus for giving me great roommate friends, and fellowship. Buck, Mike & Chuck you'll have put up with me for 4 yrs. I'm going to miss you & will cherish the memories. Tom V. you made it in and I'll never forget you. Fries, Dan, Wayne keep walkin' in the light. To my family and Garith I love you and would've never made it w/out you especially you mom & dad, you are a true blessing. To Scott and Dan J., I love you guys and may the friendships last forever. To our rats James - keep smiling, Pete/Dan - relax, Sean - keep the faith, and Gus - God Bless and go for med school. To all of you trust in God and seek him all of your days.

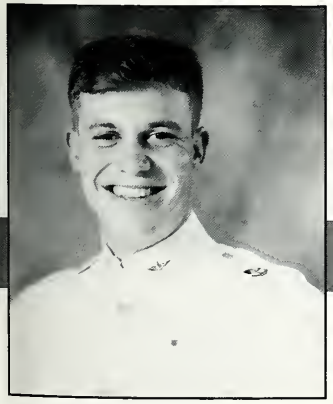
Finally, I want to praise God for giving me an opportunity to serve Him here at VMI. I apologize to all those that I have not loved w/ the love of Christ, I'm sorry, I still have a long way to go. If the Lord was able to use me to touch one here, Amen and I tell you this - press onward towards the upward goal of Jesus.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, first the Jew then the Gentile." - Rom 1:16

Dykes: 1988 - Garith Palme
1994 - Gus Hopper

Todd Coleman Early

Air Force - English



Cool Guy - Parf

Richmond, Virginia

Bomb Organizational Editor 2, 1; Water Polo Goalie 2; Academic Advisor 1; Cadet Staff Writer 2, 1; English Society 2, 1.

Slowly it starts, a gentle trickle-, patting, slatting, moistness covers the land, - an endless shower, a cold drop that tickles;-Audience listening, eager and waiting, nature becomes a band. - Beat increases, never ceases, picks up speed in sound, -and there we are, you and I-but not part of the crowd. -The storm grows stronger, breeze on breezes, water covers the ground; -what once was soft has gained respect and now its voice is loud. -Hand in hand we laugh and splash in the sea of rain, -In each others hearts we swim, no breath of air is needed, -Moistened lips, kiss of wind, each'ssouls we gain;-Flowing eyes drowned in love, crash of waves heated. -Each drop that falls becomes a sea, each day with you the same, -a mounting, growing, endless feeling, for love, is this storm's name.

Mom and Pop, thanks for all your love and support, Grumps, you too. Stud and Squid, you guys are the greatest. Anne, I love you and can't wait to start our lives together. Dudes, you know who you are, thanks for making this place worth while, take care- I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Kevin Warren
1994 - Fish

Christopher Edmonstor

USMC - History

EDs, the Shmooze

Edgewater, Maryland

Rat Training 3, 2, CIC 1; S-5 guide 4, 3, 2, 1; CPB 4, 3, 2, 1; Bomb 4, 3, 2; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Roadrunners 3, 2, 1; 308 rapelling club, 208 aerial bombardment group, 108 AMF club Azalla Fest 4, 3 2, 1; Rank.

Well, after two attempts at writing my history before the deadline, I find myself staring blankly at a CRT wondering how I could possibly fit four years of Heaven and Hell into 21 lines of print. I guess the thoughts and feelings going through my head are certainly not unique among VMI seniors, but they're still mine to ponder over as my "tour of duty" comes to an end.

So much has happened to me over the last four years in this place that has helped me grow up to be a half way decent person, from being a rat (hell), a third (worse still), a second (heaven), and to being a first(a pain in the butt). I guess it's almost time for me to start the process over again as I hit the real world in a few months. Oh well, such is life.

To those who made this place livable, I give my thanks. Kris, Catherine, Steph, Steph, and especially Amy and the Baldwin girls-you're all great! Thanks Fatty, thanks Dave, for putting up with me, thanks Chip for being my friend for 8 years, and THANKS TO MY FAMILY! ! I LOVE YOU ALL VERY MUCH! !

Dykes: 1988 - Rob Crow
1994 - Corey "Butthead" Cheers

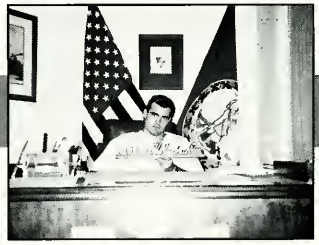
Robert Edwin Edwards

Army/ Infantry - History

Haji, Clark, Fatty

Annapolis, MD/ Fresno, CA

Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Sgt. 2; Rat Training 1; Road Runners 1; High Lord of Ac Pro 4, 3; Rm. 308 Rappeling Club, Rm. 208 Aerial Bombardment Group; Rm. 108 AMF Club; 6th Member of Rm. 22 Crew 4, 3, 2, 1.



It's been four magnificent years of unbridled wackiness. I love and hate these hallowed four walls but I treasure the memories they have given me. The men whom I call my Brother Rats, I will remember for the rest of my life. I know that this was the place for me but I couldn't have made it without support from home. First, my father who faithfully paid for me to go here even though I never reached the heights he wanted. My mother, Reid, Amanda, and Lindsey thank you very much. Wes and Tam, thanks for taking in this orphan.

To Ed, Chip, and Dave; I'm not as fat as you think I am. Thanks 22 Crew for the sanctuary and Fred, Izzy, and Pav. I never thought that I would write this and I still have a year of hell to finish before I become an Alumnus. A scary thought. I've figured out that life is one continuous reality check and you've got to stay awake or you'll never make it. Trust me. Adios, Take Care, I Love You, and I'll see you in May 1991. P.S. Hey Helfrich, Get Your Chin In and Study!

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Stepknowski
1994 - Mike "Opus" Helfrich

Bruce Allen English

Air Force - Civil Engineer

Rubber Chicken, Spanish

Roanoke, Virginia

Rat 4; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 4, 3, 2; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; ESOV 2, 1; Math Tutor 2, 1; Redneck Club 4, 3, 2, 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Annoyed 4, 3, 2, 1

What a long, strange trip it's been. That's about all you can say about this place. Even with all the hassle and mundane busy work; we may have learned something after all is said and done. Each year has had its own memories, a few more memorable than others. There are many people that have made may stay here at the "I" bearable. Chwan Jiin Lee, thanks for being there for me through all the hard and easy times. Your advice and helpfulness will always be appreciated. As a Brother Rat and as a friend you will never be forgotten. Tony Lonsdale, you may never see this but I don't want you forgotten. We had many fun times together and you were always a friend to the end. I hope the enlisted Army life treats you right. Dad and Mom, thanks for the support and advice and, not to be forgotten, the money. I love you both. Chuck Thompson, Chad Sutton, Chris Loret, Matt Zahorsky, "Chuck" Pheeraphan, I'll see you around. To the CE secretaries and book store ladies thanks for listening and putting up with me.

Dykes: 1988 - Calvin Anderson
1994 - Andrew Vandergrift

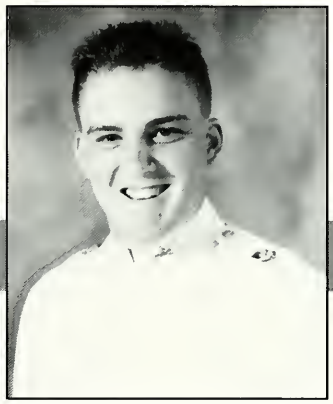
Christopher L. Eubank

Army - History

Crank, Eubie, Goose

Roanoke, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1-Vice President; Virginia Gentlemen 1-Vice President; Ad-Manager for Cadet Newspaper 2, 1; Tutor 2, 1; Midnight Rapper 4, 3, 2, 1; Annoyed 4, 3, 2, 1



Well fellas, it has been four years of unadulterated fun & it has finally subsided like a huge hangover. I can actually say that it has been rough, but in many ways worth it. I have learned a lot and met some everlasting friends. I would like to say to my roommates that it has been great living with the Duff, Metal, Barry, & Doczi. There was never a moment that went by when somebody wasn't getting his fair share of being picked on. To the gang, it has been great sharing hazy memories from nights past with you & the great stories to go with them. To Kyle, Kuch, Chuck, MC, Chris(Barnette), Ghetto Corner will never be the same without us. To Clue, no one will ever do the Palms like we did in our two infamous trips, thank God for the plastic! Rob & Perk, water fountain naked says it all. Noosh the hell trip says it all.

To Little Crank, only two more years, take it easy and remember to laugh at what happens. That goes for the rest of room 339. To my parents thanks for all your support through the years, it was well needed, love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Ned Hannegan
1994 - Stewart Copenhaver

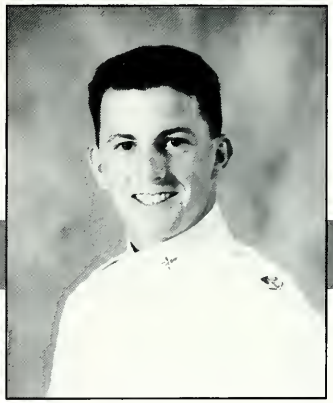
Brian Matthew Farrar

Air Force - Civil Engineering

Bri

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Virgin Private; S-5 Counselor 1; Air Force Private Pilot Program 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Shred Heads 3, 2, 1



Seven months", I thought. "Just seven months and the worst will be over." I was sadly mistaken. It had just begun. I had yet to feel the walls close in around me. The depression, the loneliness, . . . the VMI experience.

But here I am, alive and well - counting the days. How I survived I don't know, but I didn't do it alone.

Lynn - What can I say? You felt it with me. We've been through the worst and the best. We must never forget.

Todd - It was only one year, but it was a good one.

Piney Branch Surf Club - You guys were my link to the "real world". I'll always remember the good times.

Grandma and Grandpa - Your letters (and what was usually in them) often kept me going. Thanks.

Mom and Dad - I don't know how to thank you, but I think my walk across the stage will do it. I love you.

Katie - My cadetship was often harder upon you than upon me, but "someday" is finally here. I hope this is just the beginning.

" . . . I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith . . . "

Dykes: 1988 - Richard Stone
1994 - Jim "Tex" McCoy

Jeffrey J. Fegley

Army - Economics/Business

Jeff

Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

Posit Comm. Pres. 1, VP 2; Pre-law Pres. 1; Investment Club 3; Deans List 4; Cpl. one week; Downtrodden 4, 3, 2, 1.

Mom, Dad, Terese, Marita, Tara, Kelli. Brent and Daniel. Rooms 104, 110, and others. Thanks. Goodbye. I Think I made it.

Dykes: 1988 - Paul Brotzen
1994 - Mike Runkle, Eddie ?

Michael S. Ferrell

Biology - B. S.

Lynchburg, Virginia

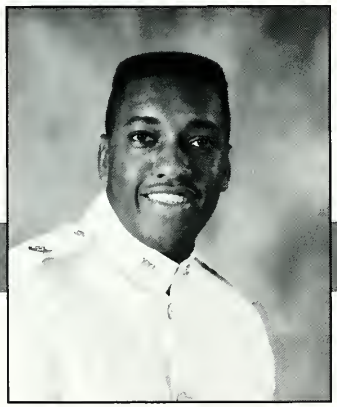
Pvt 4, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Indoor Track 4, 3, 2; Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2; BSU 4; OCF 4; Biological Society 2, 1; Monogram Club 1; Promaji Club 4, 2; The "Gup" Line 4, 3; Carroll Hall XO 4, 3

"I believe these times when we feel lost and all around us seems to be falling apart are really bridges of growth. We struggle and try to recapture the security of what was, but almost in spite of ourselves . . . we emerge on the other side with a new understanding, a new awareness, a new strength. It is almost as though we must go through the pain and the struggle in order to grow and reach new heights." This is what VMI has meant to me. The teenager who matriculated is far different from the man who will graduate. In my journey through VMI, I have sacrificed the "best years" of my life for hard work, loneliness, fatigue, and frustration. However, these elements have molded me into the man I am today. I would never change that. To my roommates, God bless and good luck. You made this place bearable. Mom and Dad, I cannot put into words the love and gratitude I feel for you. I can only hope to be as good a parent as you have been to me. Thank you for everything. Karen, thanks for always being there. I love you.

Dykes: 1988 1988 - J. D. McCray
1994 - Adam Bolan, Pat Thompson

Gregory Donald Fittz

Army - Economics & Business



G, G-man, G-50

Danville, Virginia

Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; 3-year Basketball Letterman, Team Captain 1.

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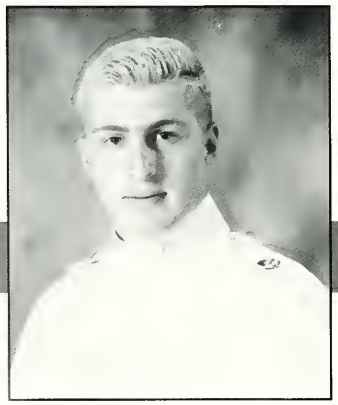
First of all, I must give thanks to God for granting me the many blessings he has given me. Next, to my mother — my love and respect still grows for you; may your soul rest in forever loving peace. Now to Dad, Darlene, Dan, and Jeff — thanks for all of your support, I love you all. Moving on to my smooth roomies — Te, Mike-Mike, and the Wimp. I know I couldn't have made it without you; may our friendship last forever. EEEP, don't kill anyone with that dirty dancing. J. Good, Pluke, Lynch-mob, always remember to be smooth with the ladies. (please!) To my Love, may we be together forever. The rest of my Homies: Peace. One shout out to Charley Mack — knock somebody out!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve "Killer" Dorsey
1994 - S. Spriggs, J. Goodman, J.P. Lynch

Charles E. Fuller Jr.

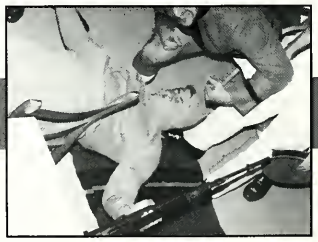
Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



Total Package, Chesty, BIG ED

Newport News, Virginia

Wrestling 4, 3; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Delta Company XO 1; Cadre 1; Brother Rat Disciplinary Committee Grad. 4; Weightlifting 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List 4



The journey of 1,000 miles begins with but the first step. Well, my journey down 5 stoops began on 19 Aug. '87. I knew not what to expect but I had 2 goals to accomplish: earn a MC Scholarship and leave the "I" with "The Ring" on my finger and a diploma in my hand.

RAT year was fun. I accomplished my first goal with a 3.333 in ME, broke out for the 1st time 25 Feb. 88 then again later that year(BRDC). 3rd class year was filled with corporal duties and the much feared "Academic Ratline". 2nd class year I entered the "Brotherhood of the Ring". Now, 1st class year is drawing to a close and I am about to accomplish my final goal.

Along the road less traveled I have made friends for life, grades for graduation, and a future for tomorrow. To my family and friends: Al-we made it through BR, Bill and Chip-you 2 always kept me on my toes, MOM-thanks for all your love and support throughout the years.

D Co. Rats-may you always have pride in yourself, your company, and your school, always strive for excellence, believe in yourself & NEVER QUIT! Semper Fi

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Mumma
1994 - Bill "Happy Rat" Sweeney

Michael M. Gesser

Electrical Engineer - A.F. Special Student

Gozer

Bristol, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl. 3. Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Rat Training 2; Road Runners 3; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Scuba Club 1; Circle K club 1; Procrastination and Randolph Macon Club; St.ckt-Lg.ckt Club.

Wow! Graduation. It seems like yesterday I was up on the fourth stoop watching one of my roommates spaz and the other shine his shoes. What was I doing? Just hanging out making the best of the whole V.M.I. situation. I've learned that if you think too much about something you miss the point and in the case of V.M.I., you leave. Also, I've realized how valuable time really is and that no one seems to know how important certain things are until they are taken away. I wouldn't trade my years at the "I" for (almost) anything. Putting up with this place over these years has shown me that the most important thing in the world is friendship and with that by your side you can accomplish anything. Without my roommates, other friends, the love of my mom, dad, sister and Beth Ott, I wouldn't have and enjoyed this place as much as I did. Thank you.

The 'good old times' - all times, when old, are good.

- Byron -

Dykes: 1988 - Todd Freiwald
- Chris Goff
1994 - Jim Bratina
- Kevin Warfield

Christopher D. Gideons

United States Marine Corps - History

Blockhead, Ugmo, Chippy

Powhatan, Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2; M. O. R. 4, 3, 2, 1; Ugliest Man in the Corps 4, 3, 2, 1; Red Light District (ghetto) 3, 2, 1; Trip 6000 2; Parkway Demolition Derby 3; Chip off the Old Block 3; Dean's List

As I sit down to write this history so many thoughts are running thru my mind (what little there is left of it) that it is hard for me to get a hold on all of them, but I'll try. First I want to thank my family, Mom and Jo Ann for giving me their patience and understanding. But mostly I want to thank you Dad, because it was you who provided the driving force for me to succeed. I have always said VMI is a great place to be from, but no one wants to be at. While this may be true the Institute has educated me and given me a sense of honor and discipline. But its greatest gift has been the many true and lasting friends I have made. Big B, A. C., Lil' Plenty, Cool George, Elvis, Buddee, Big Mike, Tom G we've had some wild times, Trip 6000, Spring Break, running shit, drinking in Barracks, 3rd class year, Pat's Playhouse, general destruction of Barracks and basically breaking every rule the Institute has. Ya'll are the best, cause ya'll my "Buoies" But one more thing:Biff grow some hair, George and Pat make a decision, Al fix your toe nail, Lee chill out, Buddy watch your driving, and I'll never forgive ya'll for the Pizza crust. Oh yeah, 'SUP MUHN?! ?

Dykes: 1987 - Troy "The Big Man" Clark
1994 - "Wild Bill" Mullen

Matthew Paul Gaddis

Navy - Chemistry

Groo - Old Man

Ocala, Florida

Water Polo 2, 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 2, 1; Corporal 3, Master Sergeant 2, BD XO 1; OGA 11

It's Miller time. This love/hate relationship with the institute was about to kill me. I want to thank my original RAT roommate, Steve, "Costello, S. G.", for all he did for me. I also want to thank my other roommates; John, Fatman, Splash, Worm, and Buckland, for putting up with me these past few years. We had some great times together and some very bad ones. You guys taught me a lot about life. For John Jeter, I owe you my cadetship. There were many times that I almost left the institute for what seemed to be a better life, but you gave me the strength to keep going. I thought all hope was lost after the 11 OGA investigations and all of the letters from Smith Hall saying that I must leave the institute. This place changed my outlook on life. I came here wondering about science, honor, duty, and discipline, but now I know their worth. The institute is not a friendly place, but I do thank her for the challenge. I want to thank my Jill for all of her understanding and love. You are truly beautiful. I wish the best of luck to my Dyke. You have what it takes to carry on the tradition.

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Pannel
1994 - Matt MacNeilley

John Robert Gray

Navy - International Studies

Fatman

Roanoke, Virginia

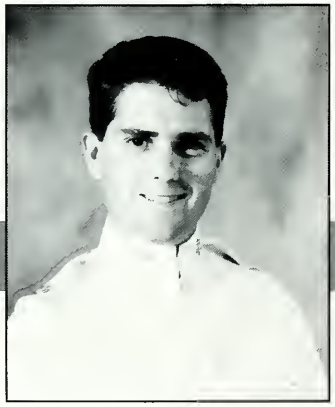
Pvt. 4, Cpl 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; Brass Ensemble 3, 2; Pre-Law Society 3, 2; Cadet Asst. 3, 2, 1; EE 4, HI 3, IS 2, 1; Tomb Room Crew 3

Well, I made it. I can't say that it has easy but nothing in life ever is. I'll try to sum up these past four years in a few lines. I've learned a lot during this time, I've learned to overcome almost insurmountable odds and to keep on going even when there is no end in sight. I've also made many memories here at the"mother I" that I will carry with me the rest of my life. Turner, who can forget all the things that you did that first year that made it bearable. Gaddis, Jeeter, Buckland, you guys have had to put up with me for three years now. See how time flies when you're having fun? Thanks for all the memories both good and bad. All I can say is Bucky, I hope you get your wings, Jeeter don't jump from any more planes, and Groo just graduate. I would also like to thank some very special people who got me through this place Mom, thanks for all the reassurance when I needed it. Dad, without you none of this would have been possible, thanks for being there when I needed you. Karen thank you for always being there and for putting up with me and this place. To Dave, Good Luck

Dykes: 1988 - Charlie Richardson
1994 - David Phelps

Jonathan L. Greenspon

Special Student - English



Greensperm, Spon, Sponge

Charlottesville, Virginia

Lax 4; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Golf Club 4, 1; Dean's Other List 3, 2; Big Bro 1; Circle K 1; Concourse Dweller 1; Young Republicans 4, 1; Morning Run 1; Broke 4, 3, 2, 1

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education alone will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."
-Drawing Out the Man, Henry Wise

Mom, Dad, and Tom, thank you for your continued support, understanding, and patience which has enabled me to remain persistent and determined. I couldn't do this without you.

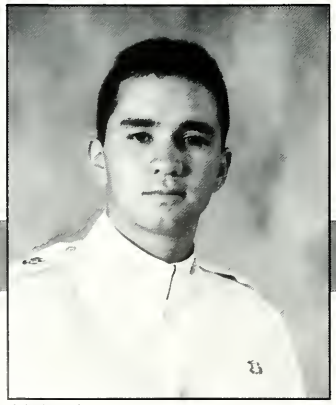
Drew, Chris, Joe, AJ, Justin, Mike, Tim, and the rest of the Class of 91 I wish you good luck and fortitude in the years and challenges ahead.

"... You take it on faith, you take it to heart,
— The waiting is the hardest part."
-Tom Petty

Dykes: 1988 - Grant "Pigmy" Kiehl
1994 - Matt "Bign" Harrison

George Kim Hale

Army - International Studies



Mooch

Newport News, VA

Cadre Cpl 3, Sgt 2, 1st Batt S-2 Lt 1; Dean's List 3, 2; Acad Dist 2; Sec/Treas, IRC 3, Pres 2; Bomb Staff 1, Les x 3, 2, 1; Rngr Plt 3, 2; SSH Night Owl 4, 3, 2, 1; '32 crew 2, 1; Relieved 1

"On a typically hot and humid mid-August afternoon way back in the summer of '87, an idealistic and eager 18 year old set out to fulfill a lifelong ambition. Since the day that my father had stopped by VMI during a family trip in hopes of impressing on his 10 year old son the values and virtues of an Institute education, I aspired to become a member of the Corps one day. It is difficult for me to accept the fact that my cadetship is drawing to a close, Dad. It seems only yesterday that you dropped me off here, leaving me with parting words of advice and wisdom. Your guidance then and always was your greatest gift; any success that I have enjoyed at VMI you deserve a lion's share of the credit for. Your dedication as a father shaped my goals, character, and outlook on life, and even though you are no longer with me your spirit remains ever-present and serves as my inspiration. It would be nice to see you in Cameron Hall for graduation; making you proud always brought me great joy. It doesn't really matter, though. I may not see you but I know you'll be there.

Dykes: 1988 - Tung Phan
1994 - Vinh Trinh

John Charles Hale

Army - International Studies

Fish, Radar

Irving, Texas

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing Team Cpt. 2, 1; MNM Bn S-4 1; CTLT FRG 2; USMC ROTC 1; Tanker Platoon Ldr 1; USSR Trip 4.

VMI was not my first choice for a school, but I feel that I would not be the same today had I gone anywhere else. VMI produces a unique group of men who have the ability to succeed in whatever they desire to do. I have always wanted a career in the Army, and I believe VMI has prepared me for this end. My advice for my dykes is to graduate on time, then have a great time, because you will never have as close a group of friends as you have here. Thanks to my parents for putting me through with no bills, and just a few problems around midterms. Thanks to the Gibbings and the class of 61 tailgaters, who made up my VMI family. Thanks also, to the men of 1st Plt. Delta Co. 4/8 Infantry "Fighting Eagles." We kicked their butts! Hohenfels 90.

"Tell my sister not to weep for me, and sob with drooping head, When the troops come marching home again, with gold and gallant tread, But look upon them proudly, with calm and steadfast eye, For her brother was a soldier too, and not afraid to die." Soldier on the Rhine "I will show you where the Iron Crosses Grow"

Dykes: 1988 - Dave Wade (Gib, Stu, Calvin)
1994 - Jim Bray

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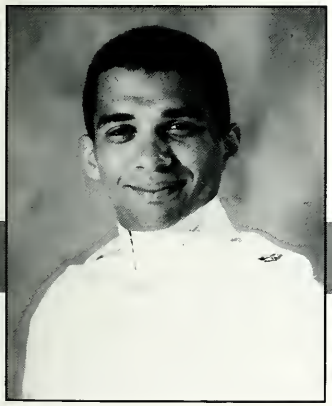
Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Red Springs, NC

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Thomas Jay Harmon

Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering

Harmful, Harmless, Tom

Fairfax, Virginia

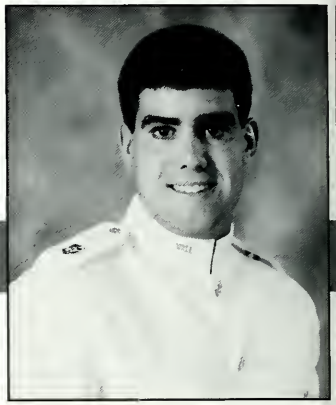
Pvt 4, 3, 2; Cpl 3; Lt 1; ASME 4, 1; Soccer 4, 3; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, V. Pres 1; Big Red 2, 1; Cadet Asst. 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Drug/Alc 1; Cafe 248, 348 & Ghetto Ext; Sick of VMI - All

After years of reading these, it is finally my turn to write one, but my mind is blank and time is dwindling down. I'll start off by thanking my family, especially my Parents - THANK YOU! Nancy, Mary, Jon & John, I couldn't have made it without all the "CARE packages" from you. To my roommates: John, Dave, Rog and Steve, thanks for all the good times and putting up with me. I don't think I could have made it without your help. And how about my Rat roommates: Rog, Jon, and Mike. It was a hell of a year, 488 will never be the same. And to all the people I left behind in Ghetto corner. Tod, Chris E., Kevin H., John D., thanks for the late night stoop talks. Thanks to the ME dept for making my 1st class year so carefree (Ha, Ha). To all the F-troopers, I cant believe the end is here. Finally, I'd like to thank someone who has already made my 1st class year special. Thank you Kim! ... To be Continued ... (p. s. good luck Chris & Matt)

Dykes: 1988 - Robert Draper
1994 - Chris Wilson, Matt Smith

David Townsend Hart

Civilian - Economics and Business



Dave, Hardy Boy, Dano

Hanover, Virginia

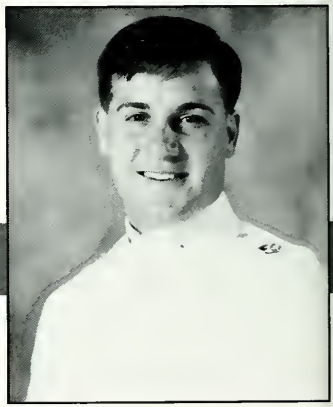
Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; T. E. B. A 2, 1 (Sec); Redskins Fan 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3; Circle K2, 1 (VP); Investment Club 2, 1; Unauthorized Car Club 2; Ghetto Warrior 1

Well, big bro you said VMI would be good for me and the verdict is still out on that one, but my success here is due largely to you, thanks. I came to VMI to escape the cavalier attitude that was so prevalent at my prep school. VMI was not all I hoped it to be, but then again no place is. As Mom would say,"There's jerks everywhere."I'm proud of VMI & my accomplishments here, but NO I would'nt do it again! The friends & the road trips have been unforgettable. Club 31-Wave, Bone, Wild Bill, & Earth Pig, we should have moved the Commandant out. Ghetto 44-Steve, thanks for helping me relax. You've been a good friend. Chief, Thanks for the laughs & support. Craig, I hope your a Pvt. by now. Others-Fresh, I hope you'll quit stressing now. Here I come Ham! Now Hunter & I can both laugh @ you, Clifford! Stephen, Tim, thanks for the support & weekends at real colleges. I wish I had more space to thank you all. Finally, I couldn't have asked for more supportive parents. thanks-I love ya'll. (Sexton's ditto)Don't go to Tech, Sticks! Dico you've been a great dyke & friend. Keep it up! Thanks for taking care of me God! "If you want something bad enough, no matter how bad it is, you can make it."-Gale Sayers/GO SKINS! Its over! In Memory-Mrs. Guy "Mimi" Townsend.

Dykes: 1988 - Ray Dyer
1994 - Dico "Gorby" Akseraylian

Wade Hawkins

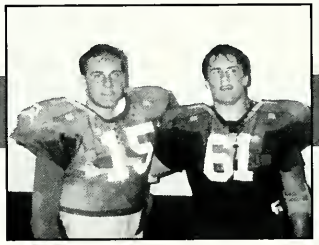
Army - Economics



Word, Hawkeye, Bambie, Bammer

Denton, Texas

Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1; Sergeant 2; Private 4, 3, 1

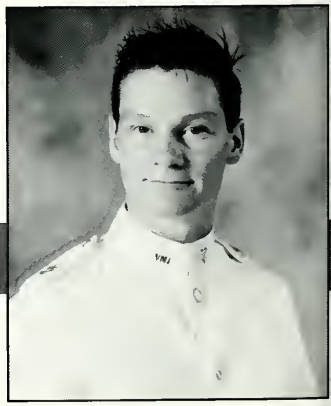


There really isn't very much for me to say at this point because it is very plain and simple in my own personal case. "I came, I saw, and I kicked some BALLS! " Before I close, there is one thing that I would like to say to a few of my boys (the Bear, the Funky Cold One, Steiner, Waltie, Dennis, Small Frye, Perk Baby, the Weisty One, Claytio, Thad-Mc, Colorado, Club, McFool, Wedge, Bliekterd, Bucky-Bucky, Dolphin, Slotman, Box, Pencer, Philpot, Job, the Lampster, and Torch), WORD!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Brian Shotto
1994 - Rusty Stein & Mike Walton

Martin Jay Hawks

Navy - History/Psychology



Weed, Wildman

Dublin, Virginia

Swimming team 4, 3; Trident Society 1; Number 1 Club; Bomb photographer 3; VMI Theatre 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Lifeguard/Swimming assistant 2; Cadet Waiter 1

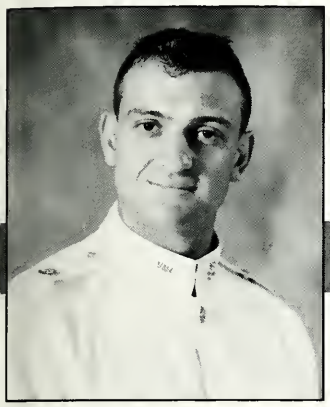
Even though my best memories have been at VMI, I still hated it. It seems I spent all my cadetship on confinement. I never would have made it without the incredible patience of my Mom and Dad. Thanks a bunch. I'll never forget it. I love you both very much. Andy, David, Tammy, thanks for your support. You all were always a riot whenever I came home. Heath and George - it's not over yet. I'll let out my breath when I have my diploma in hand. You two are all I could have asked of roommates and more. You'll always be welcome in my house.

Although this school seems a little out of line at times, it has been worth all the effort I put into it. I'm damned proud of my ring and I dare say I'd do it again. I have grown more physically and mentally these past four years than I could have ever imagined. Greg, you're the best dyke in the world and I'm glad you initiated me into the system. Well, here's to the future. Hey roomies, care for a little Nintendo? . . . or maybe a short study break?

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Gooch
1994 - Jason Shinn, Charlie Evans

Timothy Long Hayes

Marine Corps -Biology



Foots, Krueger

Brodnax, Virginia

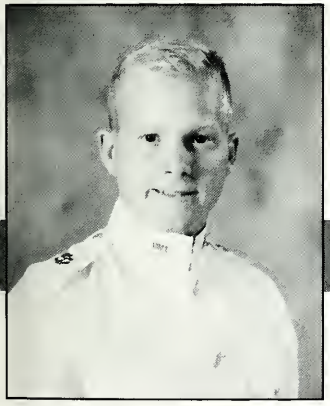
Varsity FB 4, 3, 2; Flag FB 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2, Btn-XO 1, 2nd; Semper Fi Society 2, 1; Biological Society 2, Biological Society Sec. 1; Ratline Planning Committee 2

The end is finally approaching, but it is never over. I would like to thank God, my parents, my roommates, and of course, Karen for sticking by me in the worst of times as well as the best of times. I would like to wish Curt good luck while I am gone. I wish my roommates good luck in their near future as well as all my friends. When I came here as a Rat I could not picture my last year here, but it has arrived very quickly to say the least. I would like to thank my roommates for putting up with me this long. I do not know why they did not kill me over the last couple years. I appreciate everything that everyone has done to help me. I would like to tell everyone to stick to it regardless of how tough this place gets. This also applies to life. At last, I would like to tell my parents and Karen that I love them very much, and I really appreciate them standing behind me.

Dykes: 1988 - Myron Kindley
1994 - Curt Crowder

Thomas Vernon Heffern

US Marine Corps - Mechanical Engineering



Vern, Fern, Hugh

Culpeper, Virginia

Rat 4; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt Echo 2; Bravo Co. Cmdr; Rat Trng 3; Rugby 3; Semper Fi 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1; Eng. Society 2, 1; S. Q. Comm. 3, 2; Ac Stars 1; W&L Student 3, 2, 1; Fire Fighter 3, 2.

I can't believe I'm sitting here writing this essay. It has all gone by in a blur. I'm not going to complain. hopefully I learned something here; as of yet I'm still skeptical. I always wanted to be somewhere else, but in the end I would not trade it for the world. the friends and experiences the "I" has created are worth a great deal to me. I'm sure they're forever.

I can't complete this without giving thanks to Jesus Christ. It truly was His great strength that guided my through this place with much honor. I feel like my whole cadetship should be signed "Help received, God" (thanks Tim P.) Thank you all who helped me grow in my faith, my friends, family, and of course Cindie D. Thank you through the last three years. I look forward to having many more fun times with you. Billy, thanks for making each day tolerable. Don, thanks for being my good influence. Scott, you're going to go a long way, see you soon in the Corps. I will miss everyone here, good & bad, and I hope we all will always strive for excellence. God Bless

Dykes: 1988 - Jeff Dixon
1994 - Scott McCoy

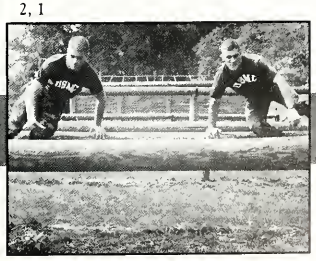
Martin John Heinze

Marine Corps - Economics

Handsze, Hands

Bertha, Minnesota

Cpl. 3 Master Sgt, First Sgt 2 Company XO 1; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 1; Club 22 3, 2, 1; Number One Club 3; Rat Training 2, 1



I came to VMI for a challenging higher education. The challenge alluded to in the "The Tempest" through "All's Well That Ends Well" is a good analogy of VMI, but I think I missed "A Mid Summers Night Dream". I love the Institution of VMI but spending my college years here have been anything but fun. There have been good moments: Ring Figure, Plt. leader for Gen. Shepherd's funeral parade, etc., but they have been few. VMI has taught me many things and many things have I yet to learn. It would be impossible to list all the people that have offered their help and generosity to me throughout my cadetship, to all of you a THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. To my roommates and my parents a special Thanks. To the classes of 92, 93, 94 the best of luck, especially Hotel 93 and 94.

Everybody wants the good will of the ruler but only from the Lord can you get justice. Pr 29. 26

Duty then is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less. Robert E. Lee

Dykes: 1988 - Jason Dahlquist
1994 - Jon Lauder

And so ends the greatest endeavor of my life-RMN. I owe it all to my parents, even from Germany you were always there. It wasn't the best finish but I hope I have made you proud. I love you all very much.

If nothing else, VMI has given me two of the best friends I could ever ask for, Chris and . . . John, from cadets to three years in '52. I don't think we could have pestered each other any more than we did even as hard as I tried. Remember no matter what you did to me, it didn't hurt, except maybe those frogs.

And then there was Harry and the Hendersons, what a band. Barry and Mike, what a bunch of pathetic engineers we are going to make. Even though you were baseball and basketball players we still had a lot of fun.

My farewell address as President of the Waterbugs, Sugar Bear and Timmy, suck it up, Boones Farm that is, love those road trips. Most importantly thanks for not letting me quit. Keep the spirit alive.

So this is where four and a half years at VMI end?

Dykes: 1988 - Grant Kiehl
1994 - Jim Motley

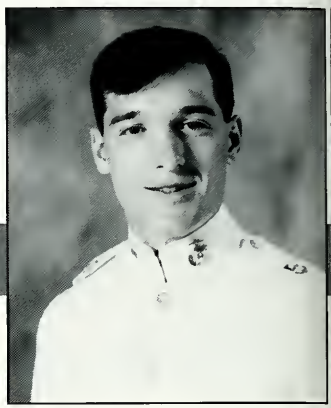
John Kevin Helmick

Special Student - Mechanical Engineerin

Metal, Turtle, Kegan

Stuttgart, Germany

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt 4, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Waterbug 2, 1; Tired 4, 3, 2, 1; Relieved 5



Well, my 4 year adventure at VMI is finally nearing the end. I have learned so much in the time I have spent at this place. It has been full of both good and bad times, but when I am gone, it is the good times that Iwill remember. I hope that VMI has prepared me for what I am about to enter. I feel that it has, but only time will tell.

I have made many good friends in the past 4 years, many of whom I will never forget. To all of my brother rats who have gone through the last 4 years with me, I say congratulations and good luck. To all of those people who helped me through VMI I say thank you.

I especially want to thank Mom, Dad, Les and Laura, and Stacy for going through this place with me. Thank you and I love you all. To Aaron Scruggs, you were a real good Rat. Take care of yourself and no matter how bad it gets, remember that it will all end soon enough. Good luck to all and goodbye.

Dykes: 1988 - John Bordelon
1994 - Aaron Scruggs

Steven Trevor Henry

Special Student - Economics/Business

Sleeve, Aqua-Boy

Fairfax, Virginia

Cadre 3, 2; VMI Firefighters 3; The Economic And Business Association 2, 1; Waterpolo 3, 2, 1-President 1; Ranger Plt. 4; Young Republicans 2, 1

It's hard to believe that four years of school are drawing to a close but then again, they say that the bad times can't last forever. Many interesting turns have been taken since I matriculated in 1987, but I still believe they were all for the better. The challenges from all aspects of life at VMI drew me here in the first place and ultimately were the reasons for my imminent return. The time I spent away from VMI was not a waste but rather afforded me valuable insight on the real value of a VMI education. Basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. was a great experience, but I can't say I would do it again. Thanks to the guys at Auburn Troy, Albert, and Paul who set my feet firm, and a special thanks to Joe who talked me into coming back; God bless brothers. Finally, this is dedicated to my mother and father who have sacrificed more than I will ever know, may we all continue to seek God's will in everything we do.

Dykes: 1988 - Bill Powers
1994 - Jeremy Schlussel

Lester H. Hollans Jr.

Army Infantry - Economics and Busine

Harry, The Body, Smiley

Mountain Brook, Al.

Private 4, 3, 1; U. S. Army PFC 3, 2; Sgt. E-5 2, 1; ARNG SMP 2; Auburn University academic furlough 3, 2; Football 4; Religious Council 3; Campus Crusade 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3.

I can't believe it's finally over. Sometimes I thought it would never end but now the time has come to say my goodbyes. To all of the F-Troopers - you guys are the greatest and I doubt I would be here if it weren't for you. Eddie, I wouldn't trade our friendship for the world - keep in touch. Lar, you've helped me through some pretty rough times - thanks. Of course I can't forget to say thanks to you Rich, you've given me a lot of encouragement over the years also. Mom and Dad, I don't know where to start thanking you. Through all of the highs and lows of my cadetship you were there for me - I love you. Denise, I know I've been a pain sometimes but thanks for being there for me. You're special sis. To my dyke, Dave - stay out of trouble and keep studying hard, it will be over before you know it. And finally to all my BR's, to say getting to know you was the high point of my life would be an understatement. You all mean a lot to me and I will miss you. See ya in Moody Hall!

Dykes: 1988 - Phil Riggleman
1994 - David Kleinschuster

Michael Wayne Holloway

Navy S. S. - History

Hollowaaay, Yallah, Muke

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiters 2, 1; F-Trooper 4, 3, 2, 1; Fat Boy 4, 3; Skinny Boy 2, 1

Well, I can't believe I'm actually writing this thing. This whole First class year thing has taken me by surprise. One minute you're a Rat with no hair and the next you're a first having to face the real world. I can't say that my years here have been full of joy but I will say that I'm glad I came. There is a saying about V. M. I. that goes something like this; "I would never do it over for a million dollars but I also wouldn't trade the experience for all the money in the world." This experience is something that can only be comprehended by those who have lived through the triumphs and tribulations of the Institute. I myself, could never have made it alone. I want to thank my family, especially Mom and Dad for seeing me through these four hard years. I also want to thank Amy for being there the last two years. In many ways the last two years were the hardest. I probably would have gone crazy without her and I'm glad I don't have to face the outside world alone. Finally, I want to thank my Brother Rats. Good luck and I'll see you on the outside! ! !

Dykes: 1988 - Scott Turlington
1994 - Foster Murphy, Chris Woodfin

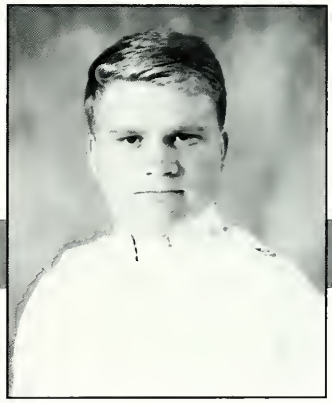
Jonathan D. Howe

Navy (S. S.) - Economics and Business

HO

Richmond / Chesapeake, Va.

Cadre Cpl 3, Sergeant 2; Trident Society 3, 2; Special Student Corps 2, 1; Order of the Oval Belt Buckle 1; One of the Oppressed 4, 3, 2, 1.



VMI is not for everyone. VMI is not for me so I did not enjoy my three years-plus stay. I did make it this far and I would like to thank the people who were responsible because they are the only things that matter. Thanks to Bill and Wan for taking care of me when I was a Rat. Thanks to my Brother Rats, especially my roommates, for without them, I would have gone insane a long time ago. The Institute — I want to express my deep appreciation to the Institute for putting me on conduct pro as a result of studying too much. I also want to thank the Institute for the FIDO motto, it goes good with the morning coffee.

Even though my stay at VMI has not been enjoyable, I did have a few good moments. However, I would not want to do this again. When I get out of here, I will be happy finally.

For those who are still here at VMI when I graduate and reading this pathetic history, better you than me.

BOHICA and FIDO! ! !

Dykes: 1988 - Wan Chi-Hsiang, William Wong
1994 - Kuo Chiang-Pin

Su-i Daniel Huang

Army Special Student - Biology/Chemistry

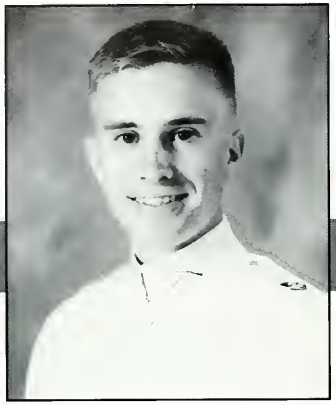
Scooter, Wongster

Taipei, Taiwan

FIDO 4, 3, 2, 1; BI major 4, 3, 2, 1; CH major 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private; Volleyball Team 2; Conduct Pro 3; Academic Stars 2; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; and Club Rm 82 3, 2, 1.

Todd H. Hubbard

Army - History / Business



Mother, Tweety

Meadows of Dan, Virginia

RAT 4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, F Troop Co 1; Ranger Plt 4; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; Circle K 3, 2;Big Brother 3; Airborne 3; Camp AA 2; 151 Club 1; MBC 1.

I came to VMI without knowing a single person, and I leave with many friends. Friends that 3 years ago helped me struggle through the Rat line, and friends that now help me through First class year. Each year has gotten harder and harder, but the rewards have grown and grown. I never would have made it without my Parents. Mom and Dad- you're the best. Thank you for the patience, understanding, and guidance you've provided me. I realize how fortunate I am to have you both. Thank you for all the sacrifices. Roommates: It's been fun. I'll really miss you guys. Thanks for saving my butt all those times. See you at the Gathering! Chris and Seth: You made 3rd class year bearable and fun. Thanks for the great times. Diane and James: Thanks for everything! Sandy, Tammy: Thanks for the letters and visits! Bradley, Coby, Jarrett: The way is clear, it's your turn! Last but not least, to Wendy: Thanks for all your help and understanding. You've made these last two years the best ever. I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Bob Clay
1994 - Randy Elliott

Gregory Hamilton Hurst

Army - Civil Engineering

Digger

Richlands, Virginia

Corporal 3; Private 2, 1; OGA; Ultrastudy 2, 1; Mallory Hall Breakout 2; Radford Warrior 2, 1; 1. C. C. 2; Corps Trip spectacle 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 2; Summer Scholar 3, 2.

My VMI experience has been like a long dirt road with many "potholes", but there have been a few widespot in which to pullover, sitback and enjoy. I will always remember: trips to RU with Denton, productive Sunday nites(remember mat'ls lab, Charlie?Fries?), a particular weekend on the NR, various weekends that I don't "remember", late nite road trippin' with Dumo, worthless fishing trips to highly advertised lakes(ask EDS, PMS, JML), etc... I wish the best to all of those whom Ihave called friend and I hope that our paths may cross again. (Rm. 136: Three men and a "Cadillac")

Even though I will be the one receiving the diploma it would have never been possible without the true love and support given to me by Mom, Dad, Jeff, Jill, Diane, and of course my Grandparents and I just want them to know one thing: "I Love You! "

My one regret is that I wish my Grandmother Hurst could be there when I walk across that stage. She would have been proud.

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Lee
1994 - Eric Tarbox

Eric Eugene Hyde

Air Force - Economics & Business

"Fester"

Springfield, Virginia

Varsity Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1 (Captain); Honor Court 1; Cadet Investment Group 2, 1; Polar Bear Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; ODE 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2

Well, it's finally here! Four years of hell are almost over. As I sit here writing this history, so many things are running through my mind. I think of all the good times as well as bad that I have had. With these thoughts certain people come to mind that I would like to thank. First, I don't think I could have made it through VMI without the love and support of my family — Thank you all for your love. I thank the Lord for giving me the strength to excel. To Gregg, thank you for teaching me the VMI system. To my dyke Chris, I wish the best for your cadetship. Lee and Justin, I couldn't have asked for better roommates.

Dana, I want to thank you especially for coming into my life. You have made my first class year so wonderful and will make the rest of my life even better when you become my wife. *** I LOVE YOU BUNCHES ***

Dykes: 1988 - Gregg Thomas
1994 - Chris Doyle

I want to thank my brother Jeff, my sister Phoebe, and my loving parents for helping me through the Institute. But most of all, I want to thank God for all He has done for me, and for giving me eternal life. Without Him, there is nothing else. Wacky, Soko, and Beau - God bless you too. You've been great friends. And for those reading this, take these with you:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." - John 3:16

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." - Romans 6:23

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." - Philippians 4:13

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me (Jesus)." - John 14:6

No matter how tough things get or how bad things seem, Christ is there to guide us back to God our Father, but only if you let Him.

Dykes: 1988 1988 - Bob Ivy (Class of 1985)
1994 - Gerry "Beaver" Wright
- John "Squiggy" Lenhart

Stephen Eric Imel

Navy - Biology (B.S.)

Ichmael, Ishmal, Manimal

New Castle, Indiana

Trainer 4, 3, 2; OCF 3, 2, 1; Bible Study 4, 3, 2, 1; Fencing 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Biological Society 2, 1; Biology Major 2, 1; Bomb Staff 1; VMI Cadet 2, 1; Confinement Martyr 1; Women 91 + 8

Everyone laughed when I decided to go to VMI, b/c they said I just wasn't made for this school. They were right, but I know I made the right decision. Already this first semester, I have no hair, no money, a bum knee, no sleep, a 1. 4 mid term, wrecked my SAAB, lost my license and have been on 7 weeks of conf. Don't get me wrong, I've had some good times! The Masters have done EVERYTHING not allowed at the "I ". We've gotten caught for some things, but we have managed to beat the "system". Quotes: "You only live once, so live dangerously", "Pat, why are we here", "A drunk Block is a . . .", "BYA", "I want to go where life is more like life, than it is here", "You may ask yourself, well, how did I get here", "Biffff, got a dip": I could never forget Fish Bait, The Barn, pizza treatment, spades, room PARTIES, trouble, running the block, Plenty's Payhouse, Van Riper's, Spring Break, trip 6000 etc. Thanks Mom, Tom, Owen, Wallace, and Dan for your help and support. Thanks also to Biffff, H. C., Little Plenty, Elvis, Buddy, Mikey, Sloth, Irb, Wimpy, Fitz, Wade, Block, Lunenburg Boys, Chi Phi, Mike G., SMA's, and to Col Jamison and Col. Buckner. "Au revoir, GROUNDHOG ! "

Dykes: 1988 - Ted "No Hair" Andersen
1994 - Brian Froelich
- Jim Sam Gillespie

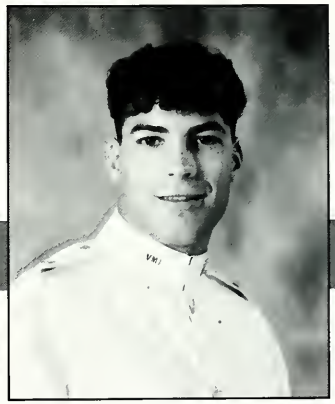
George Inge

Special Student - Civil Engineering

Inga, Cool Daddy, Jominy, Kid

Kenbridge, Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Masters Of Reality 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car 3, 2, 1; Chi Phi (H-SC), Slow Man's Assoc. -Pres., Red Light District 3, 2, 1; Early Times Club, Calc III 3, 2, 1; Dean's List



Dad, Mom, Chris, and Kenny I would like to take this time to say thank you. You have always been there for me and I wouldn't have made it without you. I love you all very much. Kenny, I'm sorry you had to do a big part of your growing up with your big brother so far away. Grandpa Eddie and Grandma Kitty, I'm sorry I had to miss your 50th anniversary. Grandma Tina, I'm sorry you didn't have many opportunities to make me pizza over the last 4 years. I only wish Grandpa Sal could see me graduate and go into the Army he loved so much. What started as friends of necessity have turned into the greatest guys I've ever known. You are very special and can't be matched. I will miss you all very much. Lt. Mike Vitulano USMC, I guess you knew what you were doing, Vito, because I turned out pretty good. Joni, you're a very special person, thank you for all the trips down to VMI from New Jersey and the letters and phone conversations. NYC, I'm coming home for a well deserved rest. You can take THE BOY out of New York, but you can't take New York out of THE BOY.

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Vitulano "Vito"
1994 - Tim O'Boyle

Emanuel R. Insinna

Army - History/Psychology Minor

Incinerator, Guido, Eddie

Staten Island, New York

Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Lt. 1; F Troop 4, 3, 2, 1; Airborne School 3; National Guard 2, 1; Historian, Phi Alpha Theta, Booze Cruise 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Plt. 3, 2.

Daryl Scott Irby

Navy S. S. - Mechanical Engineering

Mouse, Irbs, Scotty

South Boston, VA

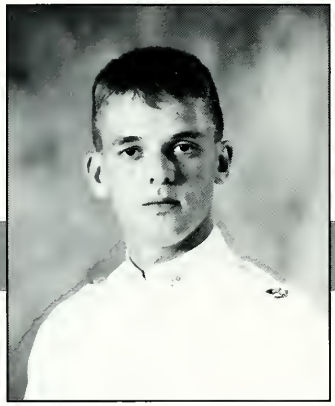
Private 4, 3, 2, 1, Cpl 3; ASME 1; VMI Firefighter 2, 1; Intramurals 4, 3, 2, 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Club 35 3, 2; Club 48 1; Boys Night In 3, 2, 1; Circle K 1; Parade Deck 500 2, 1; SCAB 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, right then, four is the number of years ye shall attend VMI. Five is right out, well for most people anyway. What can I say except that the past four years have been the best four years of hell I have ever experienced. I've learned a lot of things and made some great friends. As for my roommates, Danny, Steve, Rich (The eternal Yankee), Tate (Taterhead), and Chris (The Bond Monster), you guys are greatest and I owe you a lot. Tim, Joe, and Piya I'll never forget our great Rat year in 480. Chris you are inheriting a long line of dyke traditions, keep them going. Mom and Dad, thanks for all the love and support (and tuition), I never could have made it without you. Don't forget I need it one more year! If I have forgotten anyone, I am sorry. I know I'll remember later. There have been some tough times and some great times, thank God we will probably remember the great ones. And now for something completely different, a fifth year at VMI.

Dykes: 1988 - David Sullivan
1994 - Chris Demitriades

Christopher M. Isakov

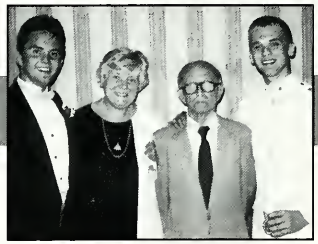
USMC - Civil Engineering



Izzy, Young Izard, Scarhead

Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Mst Sgt 2, 3rd Batt S-4 Lt 1;Rugby 3 2 1, Broken Head Club 2; Rat Training 3; Dean's Other List 4 3 2 1; RDC 1



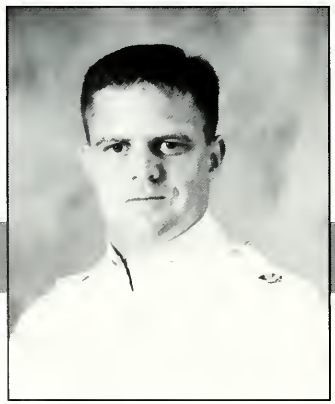
Four years have gone by very quickly, and for all I know there may be more to come. Pav and Fred, the times when everything went smoothly are hard to remember, but I wouldn't have traded you as roommates or been happier to call anyone friend. Bat, from summer school to road trips to USC and a much needed escort to the hospital, there is no one I would rather give my first born to. Thanks for everything, buddy. The Steins, Rob and Thor, best of luck in the Navy (they deserve you), and just call for the WWF rematch - if you feel lucky. Shannon, health to my self-destruction cohort with the scars to prove it. Nefarius (Fat Neffy), you are a golden child and a friend forever. Rob Y-Edwards, you still owe me half a case of Moosehead - see you around. Star, shake that goot. Rugby slugs - long life.

Dad, from beyond you guide me more than you could have ever known - I SALUTE YOU. Thank you family for all of the support and your belief in me. Mama, I am finally finished and I owe it to you. Alex, be a good officer and a better doctor. I love you both.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris "Hanbo" Hannum
1994 - Mike "Son of Don" Johnson

J. Tate Jackson

Army Hooaa - Biology



Taterhead, Tater-J,
The Factor

Danville, Kentucky

Rattie 4; Wrestling 4; 2nd Cpl 3, 1st Cpl 3; Color Guard 3; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; Club 35 3; Club 48 1; Parade Deck 500; Dying Teractals 3, 1; Most Obnoxious Room 3, 1.

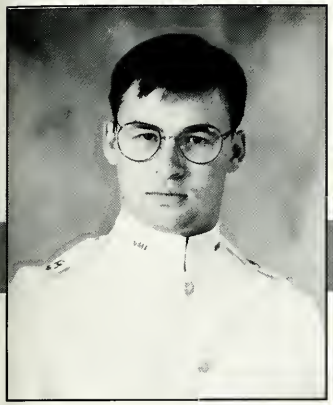
Sitting here staring into this computer brings back memories of Rat Year, in AC101, when I'd occasionally catch a glimpse of my bald reflection in the computer, thinking, "Why am I here?! ". After four of the most difficult and frustrating years of my life, I have yet to come up with a logical answer. But everyone knows this place is tough, it's the great times that I think those on the outside fail to realize. This is an institute of the Highest learning, learning not only achieved through study and books, but through enduring what is unique only in being a Brother Rat. I have learned many things since matriculation four years ago, those that stand out the most: If you play the game long enough, sooner or later your going to lose, and the "force" is only with those who believe.

Now, most importantly, to my roommates Danny, Scott-T!, Rich (the YANKEE), Chris (Bondmonster, Yeah, Yeah !), and Steve (Wildman) ... I'm speechless. If it weren't for you guys, I wouldn't be sitting here today. We've had some pretty damn good times, no matter what Rich says! If only one sleeps, noone sleeps! HooHooHaHaaaaaaaHaahh!! ... Finally, Pete, Be good to your '97 Dyke, RIGHT!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Sean Cantrel
1994 - Pete Stuart

Timothy H. H. Janeway

Army Special Student - Civil Engineering



Spudmire

Sewickley, PA

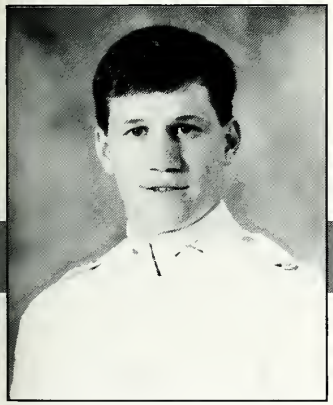
Pvt 4, 3, 1, Cpl 3, Sgt 2; ASCE; VSPE; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighter 2, 1; Intramurals; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2; MBC Party Crew 2, 1; F Troop 4, 3, 2, 1; Usher 1; Car Club 2

Well, now its my time to leave this place and I'm going to miss the good people to be found here. I've learned plenty and gained much. I learned about honor and how important it is. I want to thank both my parents and brothers for their support through the years. Well mom, I made it. I want to tell my friends in the Troop that you all are great and it's been real. We've been through much and I'll remember you all forever. Scott and Piya, I'm surprised we are still here. Wish Joe could be here too. Rich, Tate, Dan, Rufus, Eddie, and Stan, thank you for the memories and the good times. From Zollmans to Corps Trips, we've left a mark. Torry, the beach was great and it's good having you as a roommate. Good luck in the Army and keep in touch. Sarah, thank you for putting up with this place. You'll always have a special place within me. Well, it's time to run out into a scared world and I don't know what it will be like. Everyone else I left out, I'm sorry but I'll remember all of you. The best of times.

Dykes: 1988 - Ray Dyer
1994 - Andy Rush

Michael David Jannusch

Army SS - Business/Economics



J-Nut, Noosh, Nut, Shwag

Naperville, Illinois

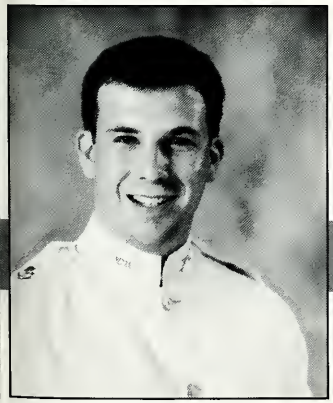
Rat never; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Baseball 4, 3, 2; Midnight Rapper 4, 3, 1; D.A.T. 3; Monogram Club Treasurer 2, V.P. 1; S-5 Counselor 1; Usher 1; Firefighter 1; Annoyed 4, 3, 2, 1

"But I took the road less travelled by, and that has made all the difference." (Robert Frost) These are my feelings towards the Institute. My years here were full of struggles and setbacks, but nothing worth having is attained without challenge. I have discovered in myself fortitude, mettle, and heart that were previously unknown, and these have proven to be boons to my character. In short, I have never and will never regret my decision to come here. I realize that I never could have made it alone, and would like to extend my eternal gratitude to all those who believed in me, even when I did not. First and foremost, I would like to thank the Lord for walking every step of the road with me, especially the most difficult. Mom and Dad, you two alone made this possible, and although my gratitude could never be enough, it is all I have to offer. I love you and thank you. James, for the model you are and the precedent you set, I am eternally indebted. I love you. Jen, what can I say to you that I haven't already . . . I love you now, and always will. And to the fellas, I love you all. Pals.

Dykes: 1988 - Daniel Wilson
1994 - Steve Ward

Roger Arlyn Jarrell II

Very Special Student — I. S.



ROG, Mr. Rog, Rowhey

Lexington, Virginia

Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1 Sec. 2, President 1; Cadet Assistant VMI Museum 3, 2, 1; Cadet Caller 3; Germany/USSR Trip Summer '90; Internat. Relations Club 1

Here it is short and sweet. I will take this opportunity to do something that can never be done too much — thank my parents. It is my belief that VMI Parents are the heart and soul of the Institute and that their contributions are often taken for granted. Mom and Dad, thanks for putting up with me all these years. You, both, have provided me with the love and inspiration I needed to make through the worst of times here at VMI. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. To my wonderful sister, Laura, I just want to wish you the best of luck — I know that you will do well. To my roommates, Tom, Dave, and John, I just want to wish you well in all future endeavors. Thanks for the best years of my life. Finally, I just want to make a parting comment to the Institute. VMI has provided me with the confidence and the education to take the world by the horns. Not every day here has been a pleasant one but I will be walking away with a wealth of good memories to cherish forever. So, thanks VMI. Look out world, here comes Mr. Rog.

Dykes: 1988 - Joey Swink
1994 - Jake "The Snake" King

I came to VMI because it seemed like the thing to do at the time. Since day one I have questioned that decision and most likely always will. It's been a rough road and I've had to stop and change the tires more than once. But the times I've been up on the jack, there has always been somebody there to help. I can only attempt to show my appreciation for all those people.

First and most important, I would like to thank God for giving me, well, everything. Thank you Mom and Dad for your continued support. My only hope is that I've turned out in a way that will make you proud. I would also like to thank Mr. Fridley, without whose efforts I probably wouldn't be here.

After all is said and done, VMI is a miserable place. The only exception would be all the friends I have made here. To Pat and Tom, the times were too few, but they were the best. Maybe if I hadn't spent 75% of my tour here on confinement there would have been more. For Charlie, Greg and the rest of the boys, four years is too short to spend with guys like you, but too long to spend at a place like this.

Dykes: 1988 - Doug Wishart
1994 - Nathan Rush

Michael Wayne Jeffries

Special Student - Civil Engineering

Fries

Clifton Forge, Virginia

Virgin private 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's other list 4, 3, 2, 1; Ultra study club 2, 1; Radford Warrior 3, 2; Corps trip main event 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer scholar 4, 3, 2, 1.

Good God man! How can I squeeze 4 yrs. into 20 lines. I can't really, but there are certain people that need to be recognized. Mom, I'll start off thanking you for your support and unsung bravery. I believe VMI means as much to you as it does to me and that's great. Now I'll go back to the Ratline days and my buddies in room 409. We went through some memorable times didn't we? I really have this thing against short people now. Blasch, despite all the trouble I've given you I'll think of you whenever I think about the Brother Rat system. I'm sorry about your loss this year. I'm convinced now that since I survived 4 yrs. as a Tomb RoomPvt. that I can live with anybody. Groo, Fatman, F — -head, Gross Body: you're pure mange, but the best. Who'll make my coffee next year? Good luck to you, Spock. I hope we always stay in touch guys. Mother/Father "I," you sure were strict and demanding sometimes, but thanks for the memories and all. You're a good man Gaddis.

Dykes: 1988 - Marc "Sned" Snedecor
1994 - Dave "Spock" Tucker

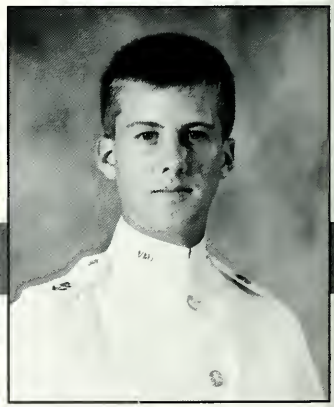
John William Jeter

Army - History & English

Jailbird Jeter, God

Plano, Texas

English Society 3, 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; Tomb Room Crew 3, 2, 1; Marlboro Man Club 4, 3, 2, 1; TX Independence Day Club 4, 3, 2, 1



August 19, 1987. The biggest mistake of my life? Let's just skip all the mushy crap and tell it like it was. Rat year: A rat always loses and I was no exception. About the only thing going for me rat year was a special young lady at W & L and a big sense of humor. It can only get better. Third class year: Academic Probation, then I got a number one for hazing, then I lost that special young lady. It can only get better. Second class year: Sixty PT's for going excess, then 10 demerits, two months barracks confinement, and 35 PT's for walking nude in front of several TV cameras. It can only get better. First class year: I take out that first class loan and get a Porsche. I can do anything go anywhere. Then that little conduct probation letter finds it way to my box. My only consolation for this is my sense of humor and the knowledge that someday I will graduate. J. R. keep your nose clean and your grades up. MB, JP, CT I'll miss you guys. Thanks mom and dad. Well here's the light at the end. It can only get better!

Dykes: 1988 - Robert Scott Davis
1994 - John Robert Teal

Robert Russell Johnson

Navy - EC/BU

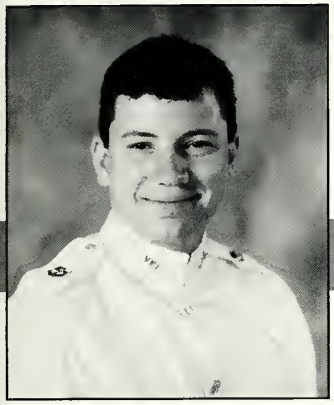
Jailbird, Hoss, Petry

Norfolk, Virginia

Rat 4, 3, 2, 1, Cpl, Ops. Sgt., 1st class private, Sec. O. G. A., Pres. Va. Gentlemen, Cadet Waiter, No. 1 Club, Pres. Nudist Colony, HMWHC, 220 + Penalty Tour Club, BOHICA

David Charles Jones

Economics/Business - Army



Pie Boy, Training Room Jones

Fairfax, Virginia

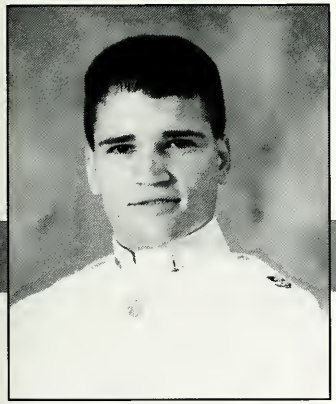
Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 3, 1; Shocker Society 1; Young Republicians 3, 1; Economic & Business Society 1; Summer School 5, 4, 3, 2, 1?; Cigar Club 5

When asked why I came to VMI the best answer to date is "It was an idea that went too far" Now that I'm in my last year I realize that no matter how bad this place is, you can always find a way to have fun. (especially with my buddy Jim) To my family, I thank you for always being there to listen to me bitch! Mom and Dad, I would never have made it without your support. The ride has been long and rough, but you never gave up and neither did I. I love you both! To all my friends I've made both past and present, we've had some great times. I look forward to the future adventures! To the soccer team, we've made some great friendships which I know will last forever. Scot, I've known you a long time, and you always have been and always will be the instigator of trouble. Rich, you know your good baby! Dan & Todd, this place wouldn't be the same w/out you. Shortcake, we always seem to attract trouble but I love it. Sambo, I don't care what everyone says, you're a good guy! Glenn this place is what you make it. Keep up the hard work. To the ladies "There's plenty of beer in the cooler"

Dykes: 1985 - Neil Felty
1994 - Glenn Appel

Daniel Scott Joseph

Navy - Mathematics



Ball

Boones Mill, Virginia

Class Pres. 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Cadre 3; Posit Committee 4, 3, 2; Big Brother 1; Va. Gentleman 1; Karate Club 1; SPSS 1; Engaged 2, 1.

It is hard to believe that our stay here is finally drawing to an end. Time at the "I" is so messed up. On one hand I feel like Breakout, third class year, and Ring Figure were just yesterday. On the other hand I can't remember not being a cadet. One thing I will say is that it has been an interesting experience from which I have grown immeasurably.

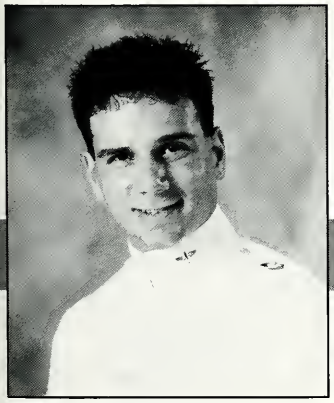
Now for the "Thank You"s. Thanks be to God for giving me the opportunity and for seeing me through each and every step. I owe you all. Christine, what can I say? Words can not describe how I feel about you. Thanks for going through all of this with me. Mom and dad, I couldn't have made it without you. Even though I don't always show it, I love you more than you could know. Brent and Jeff, thanks for keeping me sane. You two are tops. Stringer, a rm. 102 wanna-be, keep in touch. Scott and Ed, thank God for you fellas and the prayer group. Finally, the Class of 1991. You guys are the best

God Bless.

Dykes: 1988 - Tony Putre
1994 - Tim Troester

Christopher Louis Julio

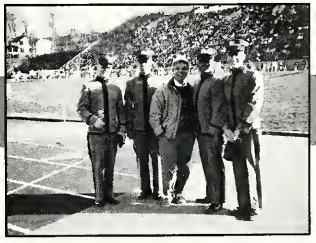
Army - Electrical Engineering



Fat Boy!, Julio

Follansbee, West Virginia

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Private 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3; IEEE 2, 1; President Martial Arts Club 1; Dean's List 2; Int'l Club 2, 1; Wipeout Billy Bitchin' Fan Club - Life Member; Kung Fu Noodle Crew 2, 1



Is it over already? That went by too fast! But I'm ready to leave. The institute has prepared me well. Thanks VMI, for making me work my butt off to get everything I want. It's that much more valuable to me. This place has opened my eyes to how life really is.

Mom and Dad, thanks isn't enough! You deserve all the credit. This diploma is as much yours as it is mine. You may not have always agreed with everything I did but you supported me 110%. I'm proud to have parents such as you! Your job is done now. I'll take it from here. Kirsten, thanks for being there when I needed you. Good luck to you and Steve. To my roommates: Bill, you got a head start on us but we're catching up. Dave, be careful out there . . . wherever?! Jimmy, BTTW am I right? I love you 3 like my own brothers, but it doesn't end here. Jennifer, this is what we've been waiting for. This place has kept us apart for 3 years and now the wait is over! Thanks for patiently being there every step of the way. You mean the world to me. I love you! Now let's get outta' here, Baby . . .

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Maggelet
1994 - Brad Rees

It has been an unforgettable experience in my life. I want to say thanks for all the support and encouragement from my family, dykes, friends, and brother rats. Coming from a different country, using different language, I put in extra time and energy since the very first day I got here. Four years at VMI, finally it comes to the time to graduate from this place. I will always remember VMI, all my bother rats, and everything I learned from here. "Never say die!", there is nothing in the world can't be accomplished. VMI men always lead the way.

Dykes: 1988 - Bill Gregory
1994 - Lolo Lasida

Kee-Chyuan Jung

Army - Computer science

K. C.

Pingtung, Taiwan, ROC

Rat 4, Corporal 3, Battalion Sergeant Major 2, 3rd Battalion Commander 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; International club; Volleyball Team; Room 471, 361, 261, 161

So this is it! The VMI experience is finally over. First, I would like to thank my parents and my sisters for all the support and encouragement they have given me for the last four years. All those 3 AM phone calls and letters in the mail box were all that I needed sometimes to get by the hard days, and of course, the checks in the letters didn't hurt either, Dad.

How do you sum up four years of experience at VMI? I don't think anyone can really put it together in words, or at least I can't. It seems like I came here for all the right reasons, and stayed for just one, to prove myself to myself, and now that it is over, I can say "I did it!" I met a lot of wonderful people here, and a lot of not so wonderful ones, but everyone contributed to a part of my VMI Memory, and to me, that is the most valuable thing I will leave here with.

It seems like I have so much to say to every one of my dear friends, and yet I can't find the words to say it. You all know who you are, you all know what I want to say, and I guess that's enough.

Dykes: 1988 - Kriarkchai "Sak" Kloyaroon
1994 - Jae "Yuck" Shin

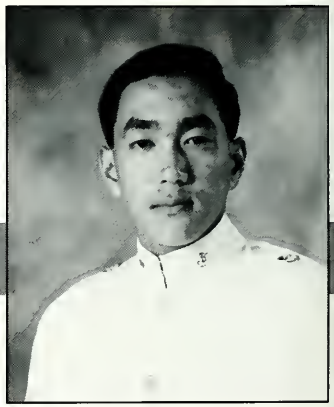
Hong John Kao

Army - Civil Engineering

KO, Hung, Kaoooo, TKO

Taipei, Taiwan R. O. C.

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Some Kinda' Sgt 2; Lt 1; Tennis Team 4, 3; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1 (President 1); International Relations Club 2; Pre-Law Society 2, 1; Kung Fu Noodle Crew 4, 3, 2, 1; Unauthorized POV 3, 2



Here we are about to graduate from the I and beat feet. It's been a short four years and I couldn't have made it without the buddies I found here. Craig and Rich, you guys are great and the best of luck to the both of you. Pete, Scott, Rich and Todd, you guys are nuts, I've had a blast. We've had some crazy times together, maybe even snuck in a beer here or there to boot. The best of luck to each of you wherever you go. Of course, the two who made everything possible for me, Mom and Dad. I couldn't have made it without either of you. I love you both. Thanks for all that you've done.

Well, I guess it's time to shove off. Guys (Pete)I'll see you across the deck in Moody Hall. Tally Ho

Dykes: 1988 - Andy Andres
1994 - George Karavetsos

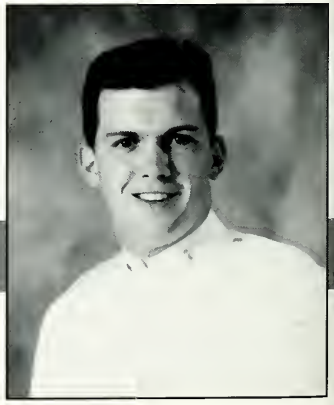
Daniel Joseph Kelley

Navy - Biology

Hammerhead, Stymie

Vienna, Virginia

Cpl 3. Sgt/Pvt 2. Pvt 1; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; Water Polo 3, 2; Circle K 1; Car 3, 2; Tired 4, 3, 2, 1.



I had always imagined that I would write something deep or significant in my first class history, complete with quotations and anecdotes. However, as I sit here in front of this computer, it strikes me as ironic and fitting that I am writing this the same way that I have written most of my papers here at VMI: at the last minute and off the top of my head. It is customary at this point to look back over your cadetship and try to make some sense of it, but I don't think that it is really possible to convey the experience properly at the moment. Suffice it to say that it was hard, often down-right miserable, but hilariously funny. The overwhelming feeling I get from my days here is the aura of friendship that is forged through facing a common enemy (THE INSTITUTE), for four years. I had a helluva lot of help. Mum, Dad, Heather, and Bros, you deserve most of the credit for getting me here, keeping me here & providing my inspiration. To the crew and dykes (past & present): what can I say but thanks and all the best. To Ross Fitzhugh: We saw, didn't we?

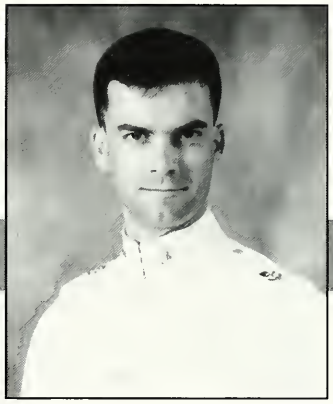
Dykes: 1988 - Guy Gormley
1994 - Charlie Perrow

James R. Kendall

USMC - English

Everywhere, really

MBC Exchange Student, 4, 3, 2, 1; C-88 Rats 4; Corp, 3; RNGR Plt 3; IRC 3, 2, 1(Pres.); Oxford Program 3, 2; Bulldog Plt 2; Julio's Parole Officer 2; Spec. Ops. Plt 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1 (1 Hope); '32 Crew 3, 2, 1; Order of Oval Belt 1.



As I sit here fighting for something to say, I look back on my four years spent at the "I". The many nights spent in the "Office" with the boys from 90, and too many weekends spent on confinement in my room. At least I had my friends to make these times bearable. My roommates — Fatty, Marshall, and Redneck, the boys from Pervert, Gold Coast, and various spots in between. However, it wasn't all bad. There were many good times. The "Mutated" weekends, mixers, and Corps Trips. I guess in time these are the only memories I will keep with me, and relive at reunions. Yes, the "I" will once again ring with the familiar sound of the "Mutant War Cry."

To my Mom and Dad, I love you both, and can't thank you enough. You were always there for sound advice, and to pay for the damages. You can rest easy now that the last is done.

Dykes: 1988 - Phil Kay
1994 - Chris Tujo, Mike Reyman

Patrick Michael Kiely

Army - History

Creature, Mutant, Rock Man

Springfield, Virginia

Baseball 4, 2, 1; RDC 1; Cpl 3; Summer School4, 3, 2, 1?; Sunday Hay on the Stoop Club 3, 2, 1; Pres. 3, 2, 1

First off, I would like to say thank you to Karen, my Mom and sister. Without your support this place would be unbearable. I love you all and thank God for having such an understanding mother, supportive sister, and a caring and loving fiancee. And Dad, if it weren't for you I would have never been the goal setting and persevering person I am now. I love you and wish you could have seen me tackle this major endeavor.

As far as what VMI has made me or should I say what I have gotten out of VMI, I should say a lot. What better place to force you to grow up or pay the consequences. Aside from learning how to budget time, and take two minute showers, VMI is the best place for instilling confidence in oneself by showing "what you are made of." On the negative side, cadets have a tendency to expect the same level of time crunching and stoic attitudes toward life from family and friends. For which myself, I would like to apologize.

Now that I'm done preaching, I would like to say to those who know me, thank you. For without ya'll, I would not have been able to grow as I have.

Dykes: 1987 - Dave Carter
1994 - Chris Ratchford

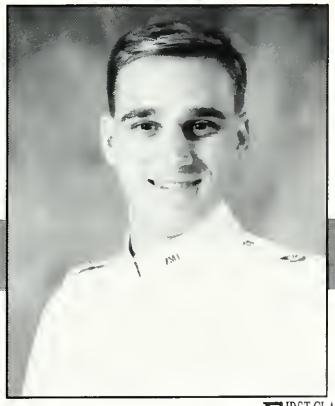
Ricky Allen Kimmel

Army - Math

The Ten Inch Big Guy!

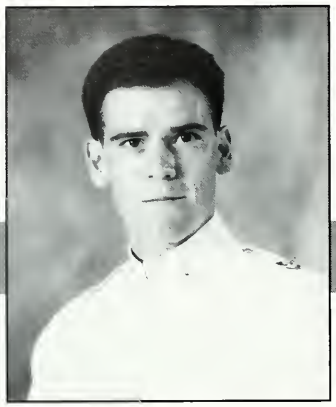
Shreveport, Louisiana

Two years of mercenary guard duties and Stonewall's Light Infantry Platoon (Ranger Platoon).



Anthony Todd King

Navy - Civil Engineering



Roanoke, Virginia

Society of Physics Students 4; ASCE 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Circle K 3, 2; Work Study 3, 2

The last day has finally come! First, I would like to thank my grandparents for their unending financial and moral support. Papa, I have come to love and respect you even more over the last four years. You have not only been a father to me, but a friend — and I thank you with all of my heart. Mark, you have been a man since I left, and one that I am proud to call my brother. Mom, our family has changed over time and been through some rough times, but you were the one who always held it together; I love you! To all the rest of the family I thank you for all the letters and food boxes . . . it made life here a little easier.

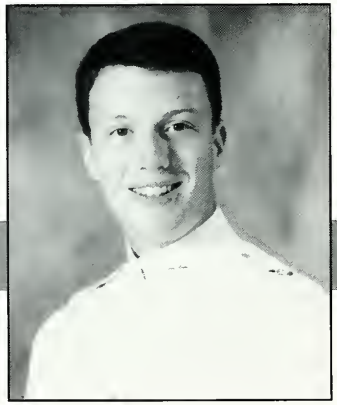
Joe, we are proud of your achievements and I wish you the very best. Welcome to the Corps!

Finally to my friends and roommates . . . good luck in the future — I'm looking forward to seeing you on alumni weekends.

Dykes: 1988 - Joe King
1994 - Joe Davis

John Steven Kostoff

Army Quartermaster - International Studies



Fresh Wanna-be

Poquoson, Virginia

Private 4, 1; Cpl 3; Cadet Battery 3, 1; German Army Exchange 2; Int Natl Relations Club 4, 3, 1; Vice-Pres IRC 3; Army National Guard 1; AUSA 4, 3; Assistant, IS Department 1

Well guys, we've made it. From one hot summer day on August 19, 1987, when a bunch of skin-headed idiots matriculated at VMI, to this our first class year, we managed to survive the trials and tribulations of this place. There were times, a lot of them, when I didn't think I'd make it, but you were always there to help out when things got tough. Doug, Gary, Pete-you guys have been golden to me, the best friends a man could ever hope to have. We've come a long way since the beginning, and we'll go a lot farther after we graduate, but we'll always have each other to lean on when times get tough. For the best guys who've ever walked the Earth, this one's for you.

Mom and Dad, I could have never made it without you either. You always gave me support, moral and otherwise, when I had difficulties. I can never repay the debt I owe you, except to say, I love you.

I've gotten a lot of positive things at VMI and gone a lot of places, Germany, Russia, and all I can hope to say is: it's only the beginning of something great.

Dykes: 1988 - Anthony Wilson
1994 - Craig Freeman

Lawrence A. Kreiser

Army - History

KryDog, Squeeky

Fairview Park, Ohio

Travel Club 4, 3; Bernie Kosar Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; After Hours Cocktail Club 4, 3, 2, 1; SS Corps 2, 1; Club 400 Member 4; Where Are You Tucker Carmichael Search Club 2, 1

The past four years at VMI have been some of the hardest, and most enjoyable, times of my life. In this time I have come to realize that I couldn't have made this journey alone without the support of my family and friends. To Dad, who pushed me when I thought that I couldn't go any further & helped me to believe in myself & Mom, who was always there to listen and understand, I love you both. To Cat, Chris & Pat, who have provided me with encouragement and humor. They have each achieved successes that I can only one day dream of making. To Grandma, Grandpa E and Uncle Billy who through their understanding & love have as much right to this diploma as I have. I can't thank you enough. To Auntie Mame & Uncle Chris whose humor and zest have encouraged me and made me laugh during rough times. To Grandma & Grandpa K whose love & support made my stay at VMI so much easier. Finally to Tim W, Brian M, Bryce V, Jerry U, Jim D, Denice G and Rm I I5, you've been as close as brothers. I couldn't ask to have any better or more loyal friends.

Dykes: 1988 - Frank Musarra
1994 - Pat Aluotto, Andy Blair

So have passed 4 years of VMI. In that time I have learned far more than my biology instructors have intended, & I have persevered with the help of many. David, what can be said? "Cobra-X" ! Good times in not so good places, thanks paisan! Batman-my head elf-(wake up). Buddy, BYA!! To Vic, Shay, & the Bio boys "This shouldn't be too bad." To all friends, Hasta La Vista! To Andy, Only 1 more year (HA! HA!). To Steve, Boner, & Hard, work diligently, it will pay off!

The Court: may patience & fairness preside always!

Mom & Dad, you have unselfishly given me the shirts off your backs & supported me always. I am proud of where I'm from- Thanks, I love you. Mike, Andy & Tim, 3 of my best friends, sorry I had to slap all of you around at one time or another. The Hodge clan, when can I sit at the big table? Thanks to all family & friends!

VIKI: many said it couldn't be done- we showed them. Our times together have been special and I have grown to miss, love and respect you. 4 years of lonely nights are gone! I love you very much! Now "we" have fun!!

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Lavangie
1994 - Steven Dowdy

Patrick R. Krug

Army - Biology

Cobra, Ax, Large-One

Loretto, Pennsylvania

Honor Court 2, 1, President 1; Bn XO; 1st Sgt; 1st Cpl; Bio Society 1; Rugby 4, 3; Varsity Football 1 week; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; All-around God-like stud 4, 3, 2, 1

Many times I have said that VMI is a chasm of emotion. Nowhere else could I have experienced such an explosion of frustration, joy, individuality, humor, sacrifice, pride, pain . . . of life. It cannot be understood, only fully experienced. I never told anyone that VMI was not hard for me. God, it was hard. Learning about yourself always is. Don't ever tell me that a man's grasp should not exceed his reach. Thanks, Bull - you're a creampuff, and don't ever let VMI change that (GIRLYMAN) ! Weed: GMRJ - B!!! Ears and Pointy ears :BROMP! Scooby: Spirit Kills annoying JMU FAN ! Mo: No more pummeling female plebes ! Sprouser: TUJAM-APNS ! Goose: Drink . . . For . . . Effect . . . Gary: Hey, Hoib, I didn't know you were Jewish! To all my friends, SUCCESS. Mom and Dad, your love and support got me through. I love you!

P.S. I could use some money.

Dykes: 1988 - Tom Ustach
1994 - Logan Franklin

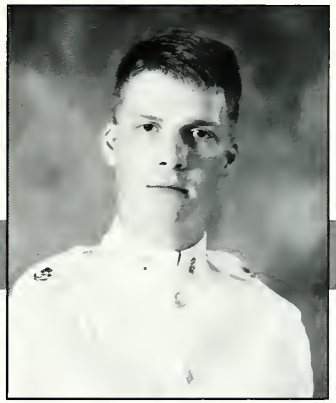
Paul B. Kubin

Navy - Biology

Cueball

Hillsborough, California

Miserable 4; Cpl. 4; Sgt. 2; Private 1; Fencing 4, 3; Cadet Staff 4, 3; Theater 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 1; Bomb 1; Virginia Gentlemen 1



VMI, such a big part of my life that I have to condense into 20 short lines. Everything that has gone on here has made me what I am today, for better or worse and I know that wherever I go a piece of VMI will be with me. Chuck, Chris, Chris, Jon, and Duff you are the best friends that one could ever ask for, and although there were some very rough times, our friendship held and helped us make it through. I will never forget the bond between us and I wish you all the best in life. Keep in touch, I love you guys. To Debbi, the old spinster, you have helped me to deal with things that only you could, always there ready to lend a hand to some poor schlep. Tori, although we had our troubles, you showed me a part of myself I did not know existed; for this I will never forget you. To my dykes, good luck, it is worth it I think. But most of all to my family, Mom, Dad, Cheryl, Jodie, and Joy, you have kept me going through four of the hardest years of my life never asking anything in return. A better family has never existed. I love you very much.

Dykes: 1988 - J. J. Wanat
1994 - Mike Peacock, Fritz Ligday

Theodore C Kuchler III

Army - Mechanical Engineering

Kuch

West Chester, Pennsylvania

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Club '50; Second Class Editor; Photo Editor 2; Car 3, 2, 1; Weekends from Hell 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; Nice Guy 4, 3, 2, 1; Psychologist 3, 2, 1

Chad Allen Kunkel

Air Force - Economics/Business

Spunkel, Charlie Alpha

Morrisville, Pennsylvania

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Booze Cruise 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club 3, 2, 1; Sentinels 2, 1; Ranger Plt 4, 3; Commanders 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 2, 1; AC PRO 4, 3, 2; Drum CIC 1; Honorary Southerner 1; Sloth 4, 3, 2, 1

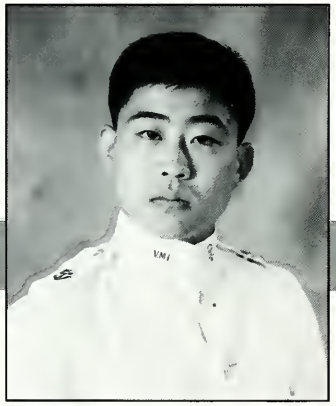
I dedicate my years spent at VMI to my father, Charles B. Kunkel. My father was not able to see us strain as Rats. He never saw the barracks we live in or the parades we march. He never saw my class ring and he will not watch me graduate. Yet he was everything this Institute stands for personified and he would be proud of us all. I wish I could tell my father how much I miss him and love him.

To my friends, especially in Band Co., I hope you all know how much I'll miss you. You're the best. Three years of Midnight Shakespeare, political debate, and general BS . . . Chris and Regis, you are the best roommates I could have ever had. You will be missed more than you know. Kirstin, what can I say that you don't already know? You've changed my life and I hope it stays this way. And finally to my Mom and Aunt Marty. How can I ever thank you for the love, support, and guidance. Mom, you raised 3 kids by yourself. I'm proud to be your son. Marty, I wear a ring that means more to me than you'll ever realize because it came from you. Thank you both. I love you both.

Dykes: 1988 - David A. Holland
1994 - Gregory Shaffer

Samuel Kwon

Navy - Mechanical Engineering



Too many to list

Stone Mountain, Georgia

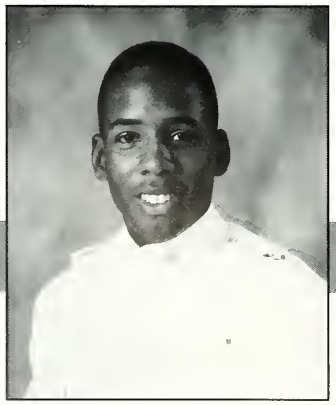
Dean's List 4; Corporal 3, Regimental Sergeant 2; Band 4, 3, 2; Honor Guard 2; Water Polo 2; Ranger Plt. 3; Old and Tired/Glad to be graduating I

Too bad I have such a limited amount of space or I'd get in my parting shots at the Institute. That in itself would take up a coupla' pages. Well guys, we finally made it. It seems we've come a long way but now we're back to our humble beginnings again. To my roommates in 421: Craig, Rich, and Coley - I know I drove you guys crazy but we had fun. Hey Spaz, its fifteen minute call. Dick, what's that smell? To my BR's in Band: We certainly redefined the word "DRINK". Hey, Jete, you jailbird, I'll buy that for $96. Hey, Chris, you gyrohand, don't spill that beer. Matt, remember the canoe trip from hell? I still haven't forgotten Mobile. Wear steel underwear next time we party. To Club 158: the best group of roommates I'll ever have. I learned the most about living from you guys and you gave me a family away from home. I'll always keep in touch. Hey, Tim, you forgot to park your horse. Greg, remember the rifle range? Naif, there is life outside the weightroom. No, really! Ed, let me tell ya something (you third). To those still stuck here, good luck and good riddance.

Dykes: 1988 - Charles C. Chung
1994 - Keith T. Johnston, Collin R. Wilkerson

Omar deWitt Land

United States Marine Corps / Economics



Ohms, Rockfish, Benetton Kid

Lawrenceville, Virginia

Rat 4; Cadre Corporal 3; Pvt. 2; Btn S-4 1;RDC 1; Bulldog Platoon 2; Semper Fi Society 3, 2, 1; Ghetto Warrior 3, 2, 1; Al's Roommate 3; Kyle's Roommate 2, 1; Preeti Club 3, 2, 1.

The cowards never started and the weak fell along the wayside. From conduct pro to academic pro, I have seen it all. First of all I would like to thank my dad who rode my butt like a dog until he thought I was on the right track, I love you. To my mom who kept me going through the times when I said the hell with this place, I love you too. Al, we started this together and you took your sabbatical early, know its time for me to take mine; permanently! Good luck. To Room 203, you're the future for this place next year, learn from my mistakes and there will always be la-la-ing to do. To Alex, DJ, KBK, and Curtis, keep the faith and remember to kick 'em in the grill. To Dap, Mike, Big T, Rumph, Frank and Greg, my BROTHER rats let's hit the world like we hit VMI. Phil, I wish you could see me now, thanx for your guidance and patience. To Buddy, B. Y. A. ! Chuck, you started this, #3 and #4 are coming! To Craig, Hans, and Block and Kyle, SEMPER FI. Lastly, to Preeti, our time will soon come — — — — -Peace.

Dykes: 1988 - Phil W. Jones
1994 - Fred "Tyson" Barber

Joseph John Lane

Special Student - Modern Languages/ Int. Studies

Joe, J. J., Joker

Manassas, Virginia

The VMI Cadet 1, 2, 3, 4 Ass. Editor; Timmins Music Society 2, 3, 4 President; Cadet Program Board 2, 3, 4; Hop and Floor 1, 2, 3, 4; Int. Relations Club 3, 4; Canterbury Club 1, 2, 3, 4

In a drastic endeavor to convey a revolutionary thought, an earth-shattering concept, or a meaningful idea in regard to the many experiences at VMI in which I have partaken, the effort is essentially futile. Too numerous are the previous explanations concerning the underpinnings of the beloved "I"; however there unfortunately exists too few the proper points of appreciation to those who have assisted in my overall accomplishments as a cadet. To name any specific Brother Rat in the course of the following note of gratitude, would truly be unjust to the remaining persons who have likewise affected my cadetship. Thank you all. Dr. Monsour, mentor, confidant, and close friend - my deepest affection for your continuous support. Mom and Dad, I'm so very sorry for the misgivings that have past between us; my actions were often irrational and prejudiced in an attempt to fulfill our desires for me. Thank you for allowing me to fall on my face but, always being there when I got in too deep. I love you both dearly. Thank you for it all, which you gave unselfishly.

Dykes: 1988 - Peter McCary
1994 - Brian Collins

William A. Lawrence

Army - Civil Engineering

"Red Bone"

Roanoke, Virginia

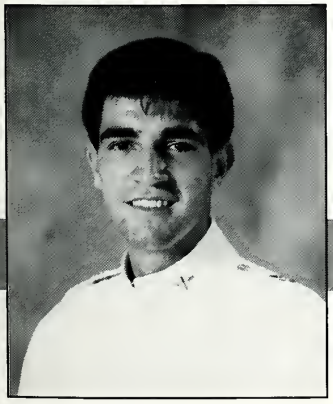
Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, Corporal 3, First Sgt 2, Private & Lt 1; Engineering Society 2, 1; S. D. 1

As I look back on my four years at the beloved Institute, I can think of a few things I should have done better: Worked a little harder, slept a little less, taken better care of myself physically, etc., but I don't see how my friends or family could have done a better job. My parents and roommates were very good sports about putting up with me and all of the grief that I gave them and were almost always supportive in return. Much of my success here can be attributed to the efforts of my dyke, Terry, my brother, my parents, and countless others, all of whom deserve my great thanks. I'll hopefully pay you all back by leading a happy, healthy, and successful life. Thanks!

Dykes: 1988 - Terry L. Plunk
1994 - Brian B. Hingst

Ricardo Jose Layton

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Latino, Paco, Rico, Sanchez

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Volleyball Club 2; Spanish Honor Society 3, 2, 1; ASME 1; Private Pilot 1; Martial ArtsClub 4, 3; Deans List 3; Presidential Escort 3; Rat Daddy 4, 3, 2, 1; Bodyboarder 4, 3, 2, 1.

To every beginning there is an end to which we all look forward. . Once we have reached it, we are able to look back on our accomplishments and judge what we have done. There is never too much or too little that one can do because limits are only set by reality, but possibility is set by our imagination and dreams.

These have been four very long years that I shall never forget. They have taught me a great deal about people and life itself. I want to thank all my roommates throughout the years for helping me adjust and especially Chris, whom has stuck with me for ALL four years in the "Chaos Room". Thanks, Justin and Julio (dudes) for being my best friends and surf buddies.

Para mi lo mas especial siempre a sido mi familia y quiero que sepan que los amo mucho y siempre estaran en mi corazon. A veces no hay palabras para decir lo que quiero o siento, pero siempre deseo lo mejor para todos. "La vida es solo un grano de tierra en los turbulentes vientos del tiempo".

Dykes: 1988 - Mark Doyle
1994 - Alan Yankowsky

As I look back on the past years at VMI I look upon many trials and tribulations I have shared with my friends and relations. Although it won't be over for me in May, I want to wish all my Brother Rats and friends the best of luck in whatever endeavor you chose. To my newest roommates, Id and Rick; I know you will be successful in life and thank you for letting me be a part of something I will always remember. To all the Masters, Biffsta, Cool Daddy, Elvis, Red, Block, L'il Plenty, Mussel, and Al B; you guys are the best and I will never forget all we have been through together. I would mention some of those things but I have to deal with this place another year. To Omar, B.Y.A., what else can I say. To the "Dog"; Tag is going to be your graduation present if you ever make it out of here.

Last but definitely not least, thank you to my dear and supportive parents; I could not have made it this far without you and won't make the rest of the way without you. Keep faith, I WILL MAKE IT!

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Bunn
1994 - James "Boner" Clare

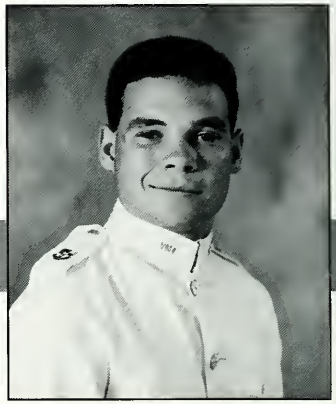
George Busbee League

Special Student/English

Buddy, Buddsta, Batboy, Mr. Buddy

Newport News, Virginia

Soccer 4, 3, 2; Cadet Newspaper 3, 2; Co-M.O.R. 3, 2; D.A.T. 89 4, 3; Marchers of Post #43; Barracks Red Light District 3, 2; Parkway Demolition Derby Team 3; Virgin Private.



As LTC. Leland said to me "you have spent a quarter of a century of your life, and you are still not an officer." I just realized that the time really flies like an arrow.

Nevertheless, I have never regretted being sent to this country by the Chinese Military Academy. I have learned something in the fields of both science and literature, but there is still lots of knowledge out there I have not reached yet. It is about time for me to join my classmates of the class of '89 in Taiwan to serve my country. I hope I will be back to see "ya" in the next three years.

Special thanks to the English family and the Coughlin family. Thank you "JONG HWA MING GWO" for sending me and my brother here. Thank you BR's. My address in Taiwan is followed: 4F-2, 5 No., 185 Lane, Chien-Fong Rd. Tainan City, Taiwan, Republic of China.

Dykes: 1988 - Brian Hatheway
1994 - Rafael B. Benet

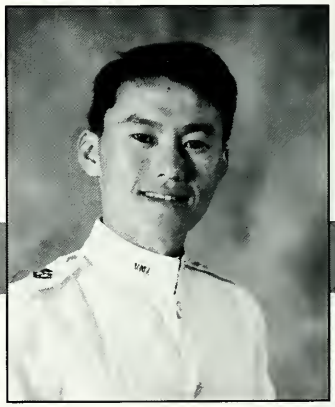
Lee, Chwan-Jiin

Computer Science - Chinese Marine Corps

Chwan-Jiin, CJ, Gordon

Tainan, Taiwan, Republic of China

Virgin Private; Glee Club 3; Run for life 2; Martial Arts Club 1; Timmins Society; Semper Fidelis Society; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



"It will be here sooner than you think," my dyke told me three long years ago, and my only answer was an expression of disbelief, the same one he had given his dyke, three years earlier also. How could I have guessed my dyke would give me that same expression? Though I would never wish to relive my cadetship, I will never regret it. The challenges, pain, work, worry, and toil only made the accomplishments that much sweeter. The accomplishments were not all mine, but belong to my family, roommates, friends, and BRs. Mom and Dad and Jackie, thanks for keeping the faith; Pav and Izzy, I don't know how you put up with me, thanks!; to rooms 128, 104, 108, 118, 122, 110 -never forget the old neighborhood. Dan, Smitty, Pat, and Kyle, graduation will soon be here. To John, Bill, Rick, and Rob- thanks for the education. To Tim, stay strong, you have a dykeline to pass on.

"The credit belongs to the man in the arena, the man whose face is marred with sweat and blood . . . " T. R.

Dykes: 1988 - John A Wright
1994 - Tim Bailey

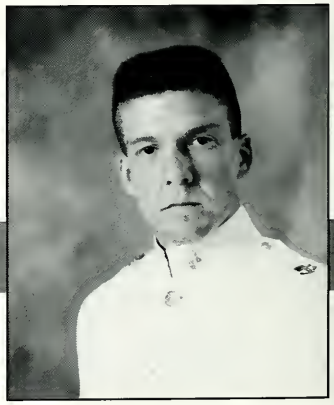
Fredrick Jonathan Lehman

Marine Corps - Economics & Business

Recon, Jarhead, Rico, Toast

Walnut Creek, OHIO

1st cpl G Co., Color cpl, roadrunners, Semper Fi, Mountain Warrior, Regt Sgt Major, Color Guard, Young Economist-2; First Captain, Hotel Lehman-4



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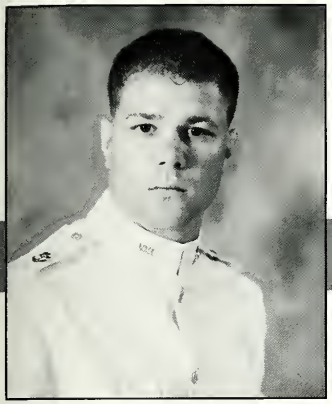
Marines - English



Pav - Pummel - Entity

Weirton, West Virginia

Boxing Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Cadre 3; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Cadet Staff 2, 1; Private 1; Road Runners 1; Crawford's Postmodern Child 1; Fred's Hefty Mover; Baragona and Leland's Fan Club 1

On a cool, wet September night, I find myself at the keyboard with Billy Joel slowly resurrecting me back from the land of the dead, which to me is the result of surviving another typical day in the life of a cadet here at my second home of Lex Vegas. I sit contemplating about these past few years. Memories, good as well as bad, shroud my thoughts and bring a smile to my face that is impossible to erase. I'm fed up with the press saying that we, as a class, stay together because of "male bonding." Wrong! What has molded us throughout these years is friendship. That's all it is. Just plain friendship! A tear falls because I know that in a few short months my VMI experience will end and we, my friends, will go our separate ways, but the hell that we lived through will never end our burning friendship, only contain and nurture it until we cross the parade deck once again as Alumni. Izzy, the entity will never die! There is no one here that I can truly call my best friend except you and for this I'm grateful. Fred, what can I say, but it's been the best three years living with you. We might have been at each other's throats, but we also stuck together in the end. I'll miss both of you because I don't think I can find anyone else who could put up with all my bull@#*, to include my practicing gymnastics in the room! Big Joe Roo, we both were hit by hard

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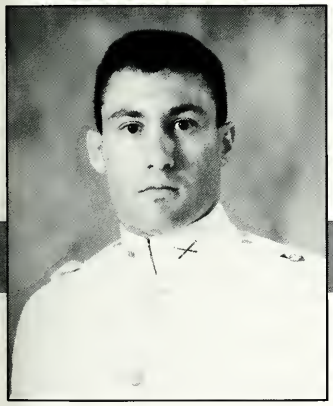
Joseph Riley Levine

Civil Engineering



JR, Ski, Hebe

Roanoke, Virginia

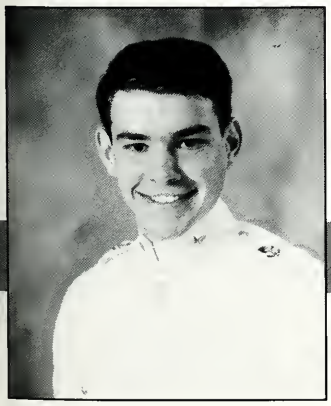
4: Rat, 3: Cpl, 2: pvt., 1: Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1: Monogram Club, Big Red Club, Plug & Chug staff, GAC Thesis: 3, 2, 1 Exam Hacker. summer school before 4, 3, 2, 1.

The most self satisfying experience is reaching a long awaited goal in life. My first major goal will be reached in a few short months. Mom, Dad, Renee(I43), and the rest of my family, I appreciate your support. Brian, my roommate of 4 years, may the fish hit the way we wish. Since August 19, 1987 to now has been full of learning experiences. For me, time and freedom are the things I learned to appreciate most. Living by self honor and accepting "one day at a time" will result in a happier today. Nothing good ever came from something easy.

Dykes: 1988 - Jam Smaaladen
1991 - Raymond "Bernie" James

Christopher Thomas Loret

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering



Chet

Springfield, Virginia

Lacrosse 4, 2; AAS 4, 3, 2; Private 4, 2, 1; Circle-K 1.

To Dad and Pat, I thank you for all the love and support over these years. Its been a long hard road.

Matt and Jamie, I have no complaints. Believe it or not, I will miss you both next year. I wish you both the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Dave ("Billy") I don't know how I would have made it through this place without you, and the long late night B.S. sessions. One day we'll look back and laugh. (I don't know what I'm going to do next year with only half a brain!) Good luck!

Finally, four quotes to live by:

1) "Gentlemen, the devil is chasing you down the hall."
2) "You may be whatever you resolve to be."
3) "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."
4) "Who's your damn daddy!?!"

Dykes: 1988 - Mark Current/Tommy Towers
1994 - Jake "Stoner" Stenner

To the doods in room 442. Things started out rough for us but we prevailed in the end on that cold February day. I could not have picked a better group of rat roommates, we had a lot of great times, and I probably would not have made it without you guys. Especially you, Doug and Gary. Joe, thanks for teaching me how to shine shoes, and, Steve for keeping a laugh in the room at all times. Pete, thanks for carrying me up the stairs after the first Zollman's party. That was the best time at a party I have ever had (From what I can remember). To the boys in room 323 and 223, I am sorry that things did not work out better. I hope you all can forgive me, especially you Doug. Dom, the years on the golf team have been a blast with you. It has been a great escape coming out onto the course everyday and trying to whip your ass. Good luck in the State Department (Ha, Ha). John, you have been a great companion throughout the years and stuck with me through thick and thin, thank you. I will get to Taiwan some day. Mom, Dad and Family, your support was peerless. I love you. Wendy ILY always.

Dykes: 1988 - Bob Chaszar
1994 - Brad "Haus" Yeatts

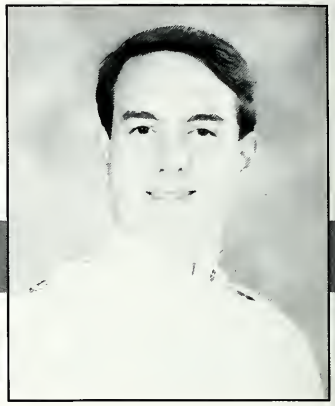
James Ashton Lough

Economics and Business - Special Student

Smash, Dinkles

Salem, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Pvt 2 1, Dickhead Staff 4 (commander), Bloodmobile 3 2, Chairman 1, Golf Team 3 2 1International Club 1, Summer School 4, 3, 2, Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1.



Looking back on the experiences I have had here, I can't say that they turned out as bad as I thought. There were good times, but they were not what I expected. VMI gave me many things for which I am grateful, but it also took away certain things for which I will find it very hard to forgive. But enough of that.

There were two things that kept me here; God and my father. Thank you, Dad, for without your encouragement I would have left two years ago (and yes, that would have been a mistake). I also want to thank my friends for their support and weekend companionship. Winn, Chris, Rich, Ben & Jeff, Doug, all the guys in S-50, everyone on The Cadet Staff, and all the rest. You know who you are. I would also like to thank my one, steady roommate Dave for putting up with me for three years. Dave, you kept me in line and I always appreciated it.

There is more that I want to say, but it would probably be foolish to do so. I voiced my opinion enough for one cadetship and do not need to say more things about which we will look back and simply shake our heads.

Dykes: 1988 - Mark Stock
1994 - Trey Ayers

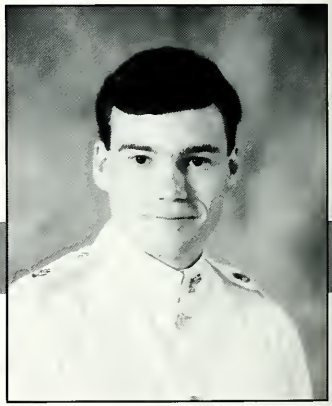
Frank G. Louthan IV

Navy - Economics and Business

Frances

Atlanta, Georgia

Private - 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling - 4; Cadet Staff - 3, 2, 1; EIC - 1; Frat Patrol - 4, 3, 2, 1; Parking By Otis - 2; Circle K - 1; Ga. Boys - 4, 3, 2, 1; Special Student - 3, 2, 1.



As I sit here staring at the computer a stream of consciousness hits me. Before I list everything that I want to remember in 20 yrs, I want to thank a few people. My mother, Thanks for always being there and for paying the bills, my family, the Beirne's, the Wrights, Col. Hart, Col. Robertson, Farina (Good suggestion), my friends at home, and finally Joy, words can not sum up everything you mean and have done for me but, I Love You. Thank you all for your patience and love.

Now the stream: Draper, Thom, Fries, Robo, Pete, Frank, Vic, Charlie, Buck, ED and all my other friends (You know who you are, Keep the Faith and remember the good times) 8/19/87, The Bush Gods, U. Va., Craig 89, 2/25/88, Maddogs Glass removal, J. B. + Nicola Dorm room, X-mas (Jimmie Hendricks), Doug, Scott, Chris, Cadre Slam, Jackie, Interlude, Hop-Joy, Fries-Drunk, Tom (U. Va. Drunk-Whore Monger), Robo (U. Va. -Yah), H. C. Rm. 109 P. I's, Ring Figure, Orioles - drunk Cruise, Pete - West Point, 5/91 and the saga continues!!!

Now that its over do I Laugh or Cry.
Did Man or Fool emerge from V. M. I.

Dykes: 1988 - Michael "Aceman" Leeney
1994 - John Vazquez, Chris McClung

Patrick Joseph Madigan

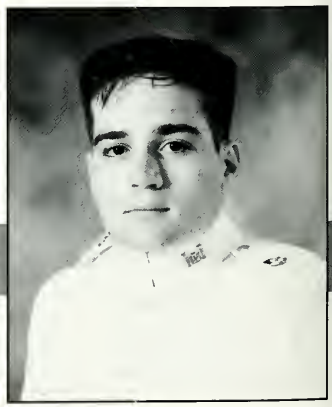
Army - Civil Engineering

MADDOG

Crozet, Va.

(Birth-N. Y. C., N. Y)

V. P. Honor Court 1; A. P. Spook 2 Cadre 3, 2; Private, Corporal, Mst Sgt, Lt.; Bomb 4, 3; Plug+Chug Edit.; JMU Convict 3; Rugby 3; 3-amigos; CIG 1



The light at the end of the tunnel is finally visible. I can hardly believe it. Daddy, I owe it all to you and Mother. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to experience what VMI is all about. You have always given your support and stood behind me regardless of what I did. Tommy and Jimmy, You're the best brothers in the whole world. I'll be back in Georgia soon. Keep the wood rolling.

Boys of the hole, all the late night breezing sessions about philosophy, women, and stress will soon be memories. However, they are good memories and I will not soon forget them. Chet, you have been a great best friend who has never let me down. It has been a real pleasure. Frank, you have been a great roommate, and through the ups and downs I always knew you would be there. Hammond, keep your chin up, and study hard; it will be over before you know it.

They said the odds were against me, and since that time it has been an uphill battle. Yet, I always believed and have learned a lot from both the good and bad times of the past four years. Thank you Lord, for watching over me.

Dykes: 1988 - Tom Bruffy
1994 - Hammond Story

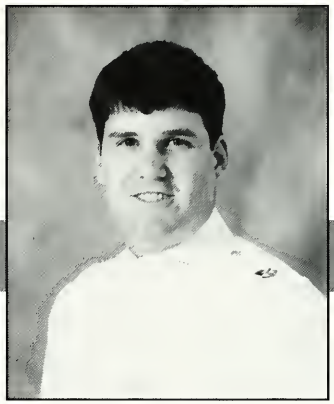
William David Manning

Army - Mechanical Engineering

Billy, "Cooter", Dave

Pine Mountain, Georgia

Private - 4, 2, 1; Boys in the Hole Club - 4, 3, 2, 1; Unauthorized car club - 3, 2; Frat Patrol - 4, 3, 2, 1; Ga. Boys - 4, 3, 2, 1; President, Circle K Club; Cadet Staff - 1; Hop and Floor - 3, 2, 1; Football - 4



"Mom I think I made a big mistake". I still remember those words that I spoke upon finally seeing VMI for the first time on Matriculation Day. The Rat Line sure wasn't high on my list of "fun things to do" but as my dyke always said, "It builds character". I say the same thing to my Rats, right Jason? Third class year wasn't much more fun, although I was the one yelling now - Yippee, who cares. Second class year was another story though. Ring Figure will always rank among the best experiences of my life. My thanks to everyone there and around me who made it as much fun as it was.

First class year is finally upon me. My family always supported me, although they were miles away. Roomies, I wish you the best of luck. Long live the 22 Crew! Somewhere I think I forgot why I came here, but it must have been a good reason. Off to the real world I go, and that worries me a bit. Oh well, it builds character. A short quote about VMI life - ". . . stand ye together, assist one another and strengthen one another's efforts." - Buddha

Dykes: 1988 - David Omstead
1994 - Jason Cincilla, Craig Matthews

Brian Thomas Markert

Army - History

Lizardman, Magic Markert

Dumont, New Jersey

Booze Cruise 4, 3, 2; Rat; Cpl; Guide - Plt Sgt 2; Plt Lt 1; Karate Club 4; Ranger Plt 3, 2, 1; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; Airborne; Newman Club 4, 3; 22 Crew 3, 2, 1; Deans List 3, 2, 1?

"It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds may have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." -TR

Christine, what can I say? I could have never finished without you. Your love, support, and faithfulness throughout the years have made this place a bit easier to take. Fred and Stan, I know it has been tough living with a guy that hates this place like I do but thanks for being there. Eddie, let Fumo always live in our hearts "Forget about it!" To my parents and also my soon to be parents, I know I've caused some problems by wanting to leave here, but thanks for always putting up with the hard times. SEMPER FI, MARINE CORPS!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Carmine Inteso
1994 - Christopher Nolan Gros

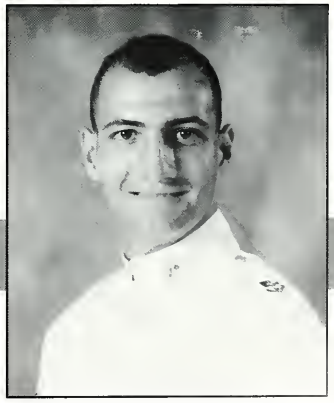
Anthony Michael Marro

U. S. M. C. - International Studies

Tony, Tony Loco, Yut

Ilion, New York

Rat 4; CPL 3; S-5 SGT 2; BTN SGM 2; 1ST BTNCMDR 1; RDC 1; Boxing 4, 3; Cadre 3, 2; Rat Training 2; Bulldog 2; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, 1; OCSHG



John Daniel Martin

Marine SS - History

Toby, Buda, Wheat Bread

Virginia Beach, Virginia

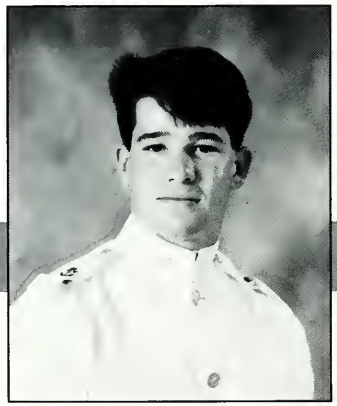
HI Major 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac. Pro. Commander. 3, 2; Fencing 4, 3, 2, 1; Armorer 3, 2, 1; ARA Slave 2, 1; Fire Fighter 1; V. G. 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Col. Rep. Spy 2, 1; Confined 4, 3, 2.

The past four years were an experience (an experience being anything that does not kill you while trying it) that I am glad I do not have to repeat. Now as a first class private I am truly happy at having transferred here from ODU. The primary reason for this was the ugly kid pictured with me below, my brother Justin. We had a pretty good time being Brother-Rat-brothers, along with the rest of our B. R.'s who thought it was quite humorous. All though my academic performance here has not been "S--- Hot", I honestly believe that I have learned a great deal. None of this would have been possible without out the help of my family, this being my mother, father, Judy, Justin, and Colleen. To them I owe everything. But to Tom, Dave, and Roger and all my Rat roomies I would just like to say that between running S. and pumping the Kranium I have had a great time, well except for my misguided attempt to put out the fire on Tom's bed, and then there was my bad experience with S. S., oh well. Always remember, if it weren't for VMI my picture wouldn't be here.

Dykes: 1988 - James Wright
1994 - James Moseley, Steve Dudek

Justin David Martin

Army (SS) - Chemistry - Business Minor



Roscoe, Just., Plug

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Cpl. 3; Sgt. (Intramural) 2; Pvt. 4, 1; Cadre 4, 2; OGA 1; Pres. Amer. Chem. Soc. 1; Fencing 4; Glass Research 2; SS Corps 2, 1; Shred Heads 2, 1; Radford Runner 1; Lab 4, 3, 2, 1.

Four years ago I came to VMI and I remember thinking, "Who is this guy and why is he yelling?" Now as I approach graduation I find myself thinking, "Who is this guy and why am I still here." These past four years have been really trying times. They have been marked by highs and lows but as I start to remove myself from the situation I know that it was worth it. I wouldn't trade the times I've had here for anything in the world. Then again, I wouldn't want to do it again. I've really grown up and the "I" has taught me that I can do anything I set my mind to and I will.

John, I want to thank you for being there. I don't know if I could have done it without you. Now off into the real world. Eric and Lee, I don't think I could have had a better set of roommates. This isn't the last you'll see of me. Rich, Julio (Latin connection) I'll see you at the beach. Glenn, Chris, Dice stick it out. It's worth it. A special thanks goes out to my Mom. Thank you for sending me. In parting I would just like to say BOHICA but FIDO!

Dykes: 1988 - Dave Hickey
1994 - Glenn "Ghost Rat" Casteel

Michael W. Martin

English - Army Infantry

Afton Mountain, Virginia

Cadre 3, 2; Boxing 3, 1; English Society 2, 1

"I deplore brutality," he said. "It's not efficient. On the other hand, prolonged mistreatment, short of physical violence, gives rise, when skillfully applied, to anxiety and a feeling of special guilt. A few rules or rather guiding principles are to be borne in mind. The subject must not realize that the mistreatment is a deliberate attack of an anti-human enemy on his personal identity. He must be made to feel that he deserves ANY treatment he receives because there is something (never specified) horribly wrong with him. The naked need of the control addicts must be decently covered by an arbitrary and intricate bureaucracy so that the subject cannot contact his enemy direct."

Dykes: 1988 - Rocco Keppeller
Bill Cronenberg
1994 - Robert Coleman

William J. McClary

Army - History

Airborne Bill/Bassmaster/ Grandpa Bill

Scotch Plains, N. J.

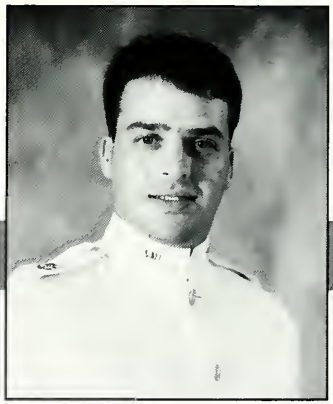
Cpl. 3, Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Wrestling 4; Ranger Platoon/Ranger Challenge 3; Summer School 2; Airborne School 3; Rat Training PL 1; 1HTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 2, 1

Why did I come to VMI? This has been a question I have been asking myself for the last 4 years of my life. Was it destiny that brought me here or was it some insane desire to persecute myself. Whatever the answer really is, I can at least truly say that there has never been a dull moment. I have learned a lot in the last 4 years and I have met a lot of interesting people. The things I learned here I will never forget. To all the people who helped me get to this point, I give my special thanks and love, especially to my father and to both my grandmothers who have always been there when I've needed them most. To all my friends, BR's, and roommates I wish the best of luck. You are a great bunch of guys. To my dykes, I leave my legacy in the hope that they will someday be able to sit in this chair and type in their own class histories. Keep the faith guys, never quit, and work hard. (Yes Steve, this means you!) Blondie, Schmidtbag, Bill #2, and everyone else, Take Care and always remember 2 things: Life's a fish and There can be only one!

Dykes: 1988 - Keith Washington
1994 - Steve Mills

James S McClellan Jr.

Biology - Army



James, Jim, Jimbo, Mac

Fairfax, Virginia

Rugby 4, 3; Corporal, 1st Btn. Sgm, 3rd Btn. S-3 Lt.; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Acad. Dist. 1; Young Republicans 4, 3, 2, V. P. 1; Biological Society 4, 3, 2, Pres. 1; Circle K 1.

Well, it has finally come time to say good-bye to our beloved "I". It seems just like yesterday when mom and dad left me in Cameron Hall. From here began my adventure at VMI, that has been both up and down. Through it all I could not have made it without you mom and dad. The love and support you have given me has helped me make it through some tough times. Jason, what can I say. You are not only a brother, but one of my best friends. VMI has given me many things, but the most cherished gift is the friendships that I have gained. No other place can bring in a group of rag-tag high school graduates and forge friendships that will last a lifetime. Yes, we did take, "the road less traveled by," but in the end it was all worth it. To the Class of 1991 farewell, and I wish you the best of luck. Lee and Brian hang in there, you will make it. Once again, thanks mom, dad, and Jason for everything. Med. School here I come!

Dykes: 1988 - Rodney Marks
1994 - Lee Clover, Brian Myslivy

Richard Francis McCormack V

Navy - International Studies

Dick, Chief, Mack

Asheville, North Carolina

Cadre Cpl. 3rd; Cadre 1st Sgt. 2nd; Plt. Lt. 1st; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red 3, 2, 1; Newmans 3; Ghetto 3, 2, 1; Chubb 1; Intramurals 4, 3, 2, 1.

"Spent four prostrate to the higher minds, got my paper and I was free." I can not believe those four years are now over. However, I always felt that no matter how bad V. M. I. ever got, there was probably a place, whether it be now or in the past, where men suffered more. Mom and Dad, I can not thank you enough for your unconditional love and support. Meghan, I know you will never remember this time in my life, but you made me realize how special life can be. Kara and Katie thanks for being there, you both are so very special to me. Gay, I can't believe we made back from some of our weekends. Craig, we made it together for four years, thanks for your friendship and support. Band Co. Brother Rats, you guys are the best. Chubb and Dave, I'm glad I got to know you. Betsy, thanks for putting up with me, I'll never forget us. God, without you V. M. I. would have been impossible, Thankyou so much. Mom and Dad Davis, I don't know how you put up with Gay and me, thank you. And to V. M. I, I would not do it again, but I'm proud I did it.

Dykes: 1988 - Adam Volant
1994 - Aaron Michael

Thomas A. McCrary III

Army - Civil Engineering

Arlington, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Varsity Rifle Team 4, 3; Rm 268 A. C. Summer School 90; B Company Guide-On 1; Secret Order of The 2. 0 C. E. 4, 3, 2, 1

Thank you, Tina, for getting me through this place sane. Well, I won't be sane much longer if I spend more time around you. You are the greatest, I love you.

Thank you Dad and Linda for giving me the chance to come to VMI. Even though my grades were bad you always let me just go with it and drive on.

These were the worst for years of my life and I thank God for giving me the strength to make it.

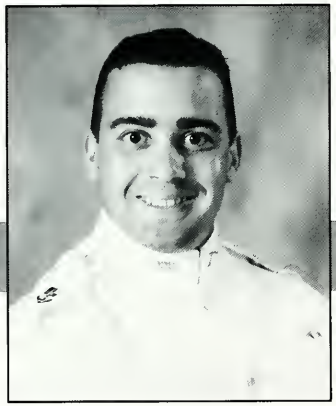
To room 161, thanks for putting up with me for three years. We were all very different people but we stuck together. You have my best wishes. Andy, I hope all your children are daughters.

To the "I", eat my dust!

Dykes: 1987 - Wilson Brown
1994 - Wilson Tucker, Noah Stoyko

Paul M. McKinney

Army - History



Neferious, Neffy, Pauley

Napa Valley, California

Football 4, 3; Rugby Captian 2, 1; Corporal, Master Sgt, F-Troop XO; Cadre 2, 1; Cadet Staff 3, 2; Bomb Staff 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3;

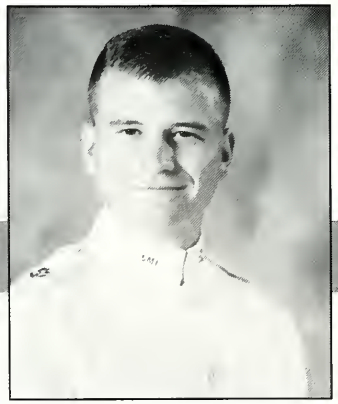
When I first entered the gates of the Institute, I was sure in my mind as to what I had set out to do. That was to test myself as I had never been tested, to prove to myself that I had what it took to make it through. I have had some of the best times in my life here, and also some of the worst, but I am convinced that the rigors of VMI have made me a better person. I many times wondered if I should have gone along with my father's wishes by going to UC Davis, but then I would remind myself that I am doing what few people could do, and that is what it really comes down to.

First and foremost I would like to thank my parents for having the love and the wisdom to let me make my decision to go to VMI. Without their support it would not have been possible. To my sister, I want to apologize for not keeping in touch as much as I should, you have always cheered me up with your "glitter" letters. To my roomies Matt, Joe, and Jamie, you have been the best buddies one could hope to have. Good luck in your lives. Steph, thanks for making this year bearable.

Dykes: 1988 - Lance Pickering
1994 - George Schreffler III

Charles A. McLean II

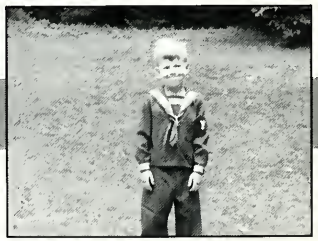
United States Marine Corps - History



Chip, Mac

Deale, Maryland

Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Lt. 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans List 3, 2, 1; Cadre 2, 1; Semper Fi 3, 2, 1; Bomb 2; Club 408, 308; Rapelling Club, 208; Aerial Bombardment Group, 108 AMF Club



First and most importantly I thank my parents. Mom and Dad, you have always been there pushing me and picking me up when I've fallen. Thanks for all your love, understanding, and help. I could never ask for more than I have received from you, but yet when I do, there is always more. I love you and always will.

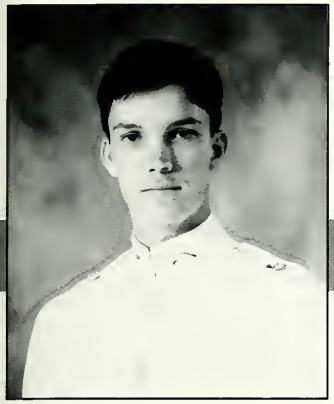
Four quick years . . . Rat year, 408, Charlie, Dave, and Ray, Steakhead, Nezass, Barcik, and John, Goshen, Breakout !!, Third Class year, The Boys of 08 - Me, Ed, Dave, and Rob, 151 Corps Trip??, Perpetual PMS, RobKabobw/my bayonet, Rapelling out the window, Second Class year, Ring Figure 91!!, various states of intoxication on numerous occasions, U. S. M. C. Scholarship - Finally!!, Bulldog "I'll tell you #%$@*& what !", O. C. S., First Class Year, "How many weekends left?", West Point Road Trip, What is next - Graduation, The Fleet, and Alumni Weekends !!

Brother Rats - See you Saturday, on the parade deck, before the game.

Dykes: 1989 - Gary Bissel
1994 - Todd "B. A." Witt
Kitt "Permit" Badger

Richard W. McMinn III

Business/Economics - Army SS



Thad-Mc, Kong, Bammer

Powhatan, Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Golf 4, 2, 1; Investment Club 1.

My love and thanks go out to my mom and dad for being there when I needed you and for being tough enough to keep me at the Institute. I can't imagine where I would be without your guidance. My family deserves a very special thanks for all the support and warm welcomes every time I came home. Without your love I wouldn't have made it. My roomies, Jeff and Mike. You guys have been something else. Thanks for all the fun times. I wish the best for both of you. To Hawkeye and Brian, football practice was never dull. Good luck golf team, keep it in the fairway. Doc Monsour, your help will never be forgotten. To my other special friends, Line, Frank, Ian, Ashe, Dom, M-Rock, and Slimmy, I'll always enjoy the memories. To Pat and Club, the next three years will go by quickly, enjoy them. Lastly, I want to wish all my Brother Rats the best of luck.

Dykes: 1988 - F. Todd Robinson
1994 - Stephen P. Colvin
Patrick J. O'Neil

Matthew C McQuinley

Special Student - Biology

Matt, Yerpmaster, McQuinster

Aurora, Illinois

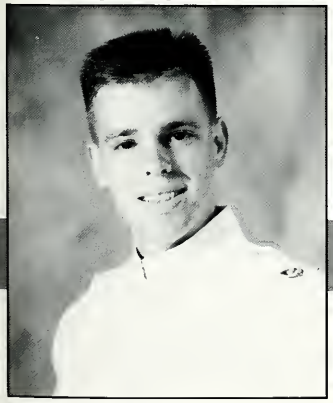
Swimming 4, 3,; Academic Warrior 4, 3; Carroll Hall Fraternity 4, 3; Drug and Alcohol Committe 2; Ratline 4; Gupline 4,; Duncanline 4, 3,.

I can't really put into words the way I feel about VMI or the time I've spent here because I'm still not really sure how I do feel. At any rate I do know that there are quite a few people that I should thank for supporting and tolerating me. I'll mention the big two, Mom and Dad, to whom I owe an awful lot. I would like to start mentioning brother rats' names but there are to many of them to thank and I don't want to forget anyone so I'll just say "THANKS A LOT GUYS." I wish all of you the best and stay in touch.

Dykes: 1988 - Andy Seliga
1994 - Jason Bennett

Brian K. McReynolds

Civil Engineering - SS (Air Force)



Mic

Ashland, Virginia

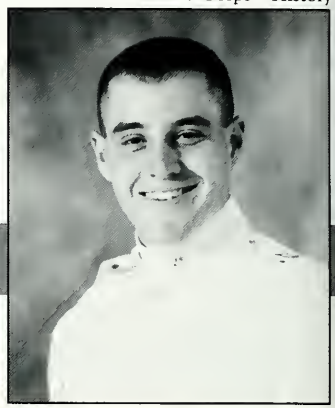
Cpl 3, Ops. Sgt. 2, Plt. Sgt. 2, Pvt. 1; Dean's List 4, Dean's Other List 3, 2, 1; Roadrunners 1; OGA 1; Plug-N-Chug 1; Exam Hacker 3, 2, 1.

Almost four years ago I agreed to an unconceivable hell, VMI. 19 August 1987, the worst day of my life. Luckily, I had tremendous support from my family, girlfriend and best friend. I'll never stop being grateful to Pat, Annette, Mom, Dad (I don't guess going bald will be too bad) and you to William (fag). Well, Kristen, they said we would never make it. But, we did and I love you. I owe a lot to my roommate of four years, Joe. What can I say, Joe, now we will finally have time to fish. I guess its true VMI "the best of times, the worst of times". Unfortunately, the worst out number the best. If I had to sum up the VMI experience in one feeling it would be, the feeling of virgin wool pants against bare legs.

Dykes: 1988 - Bo Baik
1994 - James Tynan

William D. McSorley I

United States Marine Corps - History



Dave, "Squirrel", Chesty

Pearl City, Hawaii

Rat, Cpl., Sgt., Bravo Co. XO; Cadre 1; Semper Fidelis Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4, 3; Bulldog-OCS 2; Roadrunners 1; Marine Corps Scholarship.

VMI was my first choice of any college or university. I must confess that it was a Friday retreat-review which sold me on this place. Little did I know of Rat year, a seemingly uneventful third-class year, the RING and alumni status. Looking back on my time spent here I cannot help smiling. The unique worth in VMI is being part of a great extended family existent at no other school. I am grateful for the experiences and growth VMI has afforded me. If I had to do it all over again, I would! I do not think I could have endured here if it were not for two very supportive parents. Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. Stephen and Matthew, here's to the classes of 99 and 01. Katie, thanks for always giving me such a hard time. I love you guys! To my roommates; Chip, Rob and Ed . . . Fair winds and following seas. To "Mother 'I'"; I shall return. Rah Virginia Mil, '91 '91 '91!

Dykes: 1988 -Chris Starling
1994 -Brian E. Jones

Matthew L. Metheney

Economics/Business - Army Special Stude

Matt, Jabba

Morgantown, West Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; FB Team Captain 1; Indoor & Outdoor Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 3; Lt. 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1

Oh VMI, the road has been long and winding, but finally I have finished my trek, only to begin a new one. The ways of the "I" have had many conflicts with the ways of Matt, but hopefully what I have learned at VMI will serve me well for the road ahead. VMI has given me some true friends; Paul, James, and Joe you're the best. To my closest friend, Dap, my the memories are good: the summer house, your visits to WV, and big women . . . I will always smile at that one! Angela and I will always remember the "one" who made it all possible. Eric and Jacob don't give up, your time will come.

Mom, Dad, Bob, and Moriah, thanks for your love and support, I know it sometimes seems unappreciated, but you know me. And to the one I owe so much, Angela, I thank the good Lord for our love. You've been with me most of the way and I know my complaining never ceased. But without your love and encouragement my stay at VMI would have been a short one. The future is ours, no more late-night drives over the "mountain", or waiting for the weekends to be together, now it's full-time. Are we ready? Yeah, we good. Adios MF!

Dykes: 1988 - Dan Young
1994 - Eric (Lurch) Ensley
Jacob (Beaker) Craig

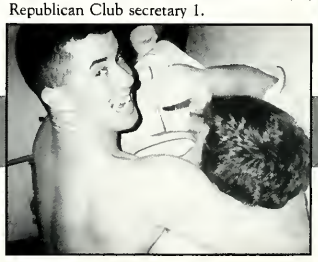
Robert Joseph Miller

Air Force - Economics/Business

Booboo, Skidmark, Robbob

Mildenhall, England

Rugby 4; Corporal 3; PVT 4, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4; The Economics and Business Society 2, 1; TEBA editor 1; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; Republican Club secretary 1.



It has been a long four years. These have been the most trying of my life. The friendships I have made, over these four years, will last beyond VMI. John I will never forget those late Sunday nights, or those early morning staggers back to barracks.

Mom and Dad you never gave up on me. Your support and encouragement means everything to me and without it I would never have made it. I hope that I justify all the confidence you have in me.

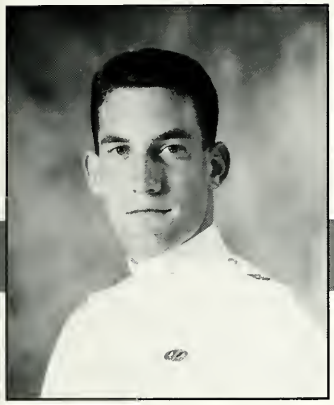
Denise you made the last two years the best of my life. I know that we will have a great life together. Your always there to keep me level headed. I love you.

These four years have been long, but they have certainly been the most rewarding ones. I will always remember what I have learned here. If I had the last four years to do over, I wouldn't change one minute.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Start
1994- Kevin Miller

Jon Rexon Milner

Cavalry/Army - History/English



Clue, Pops, Beatmaster, Chin

Lumberton, New Jersey

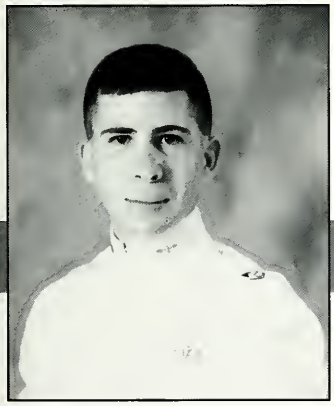
Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, S-3 Lt 1; Pres. Big Red Club; MNMB A Co XO; Airborne; Cadre 3, 2; Apple Blossom Festival 3, 2, 1; Weekends of Shame 4, 3, 2, 1; T. V. Star 1; Nice Guy, Always

Why VMI? You might say I was "doomed" to come here. Still, I've never seriously looked back. This unique slice of hell has a way of growing on you. Sure the Ratline sucked, but it was supposed to. Fortunately, there was Pete. And Chris and Chris, the best dykes in '88. They provided the inspiration to stay and want to wear the ring. To the men of F Company, past and present, you are the best on the Hill. Now come the roommates, Jeff, Mr. Army and Drew the 4.0 Day Student. I'm glad we shared '98 together, even though I was the only normal one. To the 2nd Batt. staff, we made it fun. The Rat roommates, Tom, Rog, and Mike, how did we do it? Duff, Crank, Kevin, Chris, MC, Ash, Chuck, Club '40 and '20 what would I have done without you? You allowed me to laugh at myself (often). The Kuch, I don't know what to say. My best friend, we shared everything, I'll never forget you. And finally my family, Mother, Dad, Tori, Rick, and Terri. You experienced it with me, I love you all. Also to the certain someone at Sweet Briar who showed me it was alright to be a Nice Guy, thank you.

Dykes: 1988 - Pete Bernstein
1994 - Clay Altizer, Mike Moore

Michael Scott Milner

Air Force - History/Intl. Studies



Stealth

Newport News, Virginia

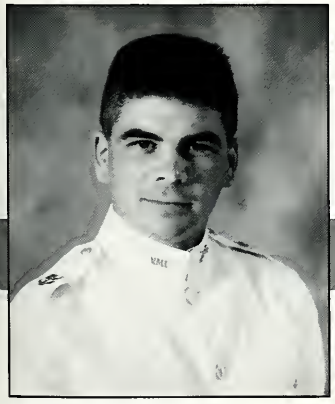
Rat 4, Cpl 3, Regimental S-2 Sgt 2, Regimental S-2 1; Academically Distinguished 3, 2, 1 (?); Phi Alpha Theta 2, Treasurer 1; Hop and Floor 4, 3, 2; Arnold Air Society 4, 1; Airborne 2

It is very difficult for me to reduce my four years at VMI into this small paragraph. My dykes always warned me that first class year would be here before I knew it, and sure enough, they were right. I cannot say that I have completely hated the past four years, but I have felt a bit stagnated at this place. I guess these are minor gripes compared to the many lessons I have learned. To Capt. Gallaban and Col. Williams, thank you for believing in me when few others in the Air Force hierarchy would. To Jim Brown, thanks for all the advice and support you've offered since day 1. David, second class year would not have been the same without you. Maybe someday the world will be ready for the full story. To Geoff, what can I say? I hope I've made you proud, even though I did not exactly follow in your footsteps. Robert, hang in there and don't ever give up. To fellow inmates of room 115, good luck in the future. To Mom, Dad, Danny, and Marc, thanks for all of the support over the years. You've been the major reason for my successes. Goodbye VMI, and good riddance.

Dykes: 1988 - Geoff Sklar
1994 - Robert Brumback

John Thomas Mistr III

United States Army - History



J. T., Mr. Mr., Meeester

Winchester, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Ops Sgt 2, Reg't Executive Officer 1; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; MNMB S-1 1; Reg't Row 1; N. E. B. Guest Student 1; Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 2, 1; Hoowa Camp 1.

OK, heres the situation, I'm about to be done with this four year vacation . . . and some vacation its been. Its interesting just to think of what it will be like to be in the real world. But I wouldn't have been able to do it alone. Mom and Dad - you just don't realize the support you provide. When I was down, like every rat gets at some point, you told me I couldn't quit, because I wouldn't be able to face myself. How right you were. All I want to do is make you proud. Chris - thanks, sometimes I felt like only you understood me. You will succeed in all you do. Jim - You will make a great Lt, just don't run them into the ground! John - probably the only sound one in the room, whatever you do, keep that caring attitude, it will bring you continued happiness. Lisa - thanks for being there all 4 years, I couldn't have had the success here without you to talk to and provide support. This place has become a part of me I never want to lose. It has provided me a test of manhood, a test every VMI man is proud of. Thanks to all those who have cared along the way . . .

Dykes: 1988 - Dan Salyan
1994 - Matt Payne (Cigar Payne?)

Frank S. Mulcahy

United States Navy - Civil Engineering

Father Mulcahy,
The Mulcster

New Monmouth, New Jersey

PVT 4, 3, 2, 1; CPL 2; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1 - Pres. 2; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; ASCE 3, 2, 1 - Seminar Chairman 1; Bullwinkle Platoon 2; OGA 1.

It has been a long time since I first received my acceptance letter in the mail, and I have seen my share of good times since then. There have been a commensurate share of the bad ones, too. Days when, after standing in the rain during a practice parade, I wish I had torn that letter up. All in all, I guess I will be glad I did it. I would like to thank all the people who helped me make it through, but after four years, the list is so long it wouldn't fit. Thank you Mom and Dad, without you it wouldn't have been worth it. I hope I have fulfilled your expectations. Susie and Kath - the same goes for you. Anthony, you were the greatest dyke and helped me mature more than a thousand sweat parties, RT's, or demerits, I will never forget your patience. I hope Jason will continue the tradition for us. Pete and Chip, I couldn't have better roommates for the last year. To the Wests, a special thanks and a promise to buy the next party ball.

"Some of it's magic, some of it's tragic, but I've had a good life all the way" - Jimmy Buffett

Dykes: 1988 - Anthony "TISO" Wilson
1994 - Jason Ensminger

Edwin F. Murphy III

Special Student - History

Buddha

Norfolk, VA

Rat 4; LOR 4; Gone Sailing! 3-2; FTA 4, 3, 2, 1; Pvt. 1

All I can say is "Thanks" to everyone that gave me encouragement and support to return after my extended furlough. Joe, Spaz, and Neffy, you guys deserve a lot of credit for bringing me back. I'll never forget that. Sam, Foots, Greg, and Box, thanks to ya'll for taking me in this year. Box, if you studied as hard as you worked out, you would have a 4.0. Tim, why don't you just move in with her? Greg, there is life after the navy. Sam, your a nice guy no matter what those other people say about you. Also big thanks to Mom and Dad for all their support and patience. Also to you Gloria for putting up with all my @#$%. To all my little RATS study hard, party hard, and don't get caught.

Dykes: 1988 - John Doyle
1991+3 - James Mckane
John Holloway

Larry G. Murray, Jr

History - Army

Crazy

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, ?; Football 4, 3; Cadet Staff 4, 3, 2; A Pro 4, 3, 2; C Pro 3; All Pro 3; Spirit of Youth 3; Marcher Post # 4 3; Ranger 2; Sabbatical 2; Monogram Club 3, 2;

I would like to start by thanking the man upstairs for everything without him none of this would have been possible. I would also like to thank my parents and family for their love and support. I owe so many thanks to so many people like: Hughes "Pops" Burton, you've been a constant close supporter through the years. The Womack Family, The Levine family, The Dabney family, The Duffy's, and The Schindlers. Coach King, thanks for the many talks and Saturday afternoons. Chunk thanks for the Saturdays. Col., Mrs. Dabney & Family, the best summer in LEX yet! These are just a few of the many people who helped me through the best and the worst 4 years at VMI (-1 year sabbatical). There happens to be some real close BR's that also were there that I'm going to miss next year, but I know we won't be strangers. It's hard to reflect on my VMI experience because I'm not quite finished, I'll save that for next year. Mike, Jack, Jeff, & Chris many thanks for the wonderful memories, I'm sure they will only get better as we make more of them. Carrie, our cups are overflowing, now if someone would till me what this permanent smile means? Love!

Dykes: 1988 - Tracie West
1994 - Christopher Lagerholm

Eppa!!! This is the end doods! To my rat roommates. Wade, budulllup buuud (the word for the year homes). Good luck kicking in the pros. And to Phillips and Rob Johnston. Keep cool words. To the eternal stick body Rudolph (weak!). Good luck in the future with your trailer and 12 dogs. You might want to sell the General Lee someday and buy a normal car. To Watson. "Say it!". Keep in touch with me. You're in my prayers always. And Pence, good luck bud. Hey Sam! Don't fall off the boat, and watch over Gregg. And Greg, I'll take care of your P38 space modulator while you're on the boat. Tim (you damn hick) Yuuurrrpp! That's Marine for good luck in the Corps. And to Big Bam Biggalo Murphy (see ya next year). As for my rat, Danny Price, I'll see you next year too. Just remember the words of da Grand Trower. "You can do all things through Christ."

Dykes: 1988 - Scott Grifea
1994 - Danny Price

Michael T. Naifeh

English - Army

Box, Big Daddy Thrower

Stafford, Virginia

Track (trowen da hammer and shot!), Lifting weights, beating my rats up and taking their money, and praying to da Grand Trower!!

God grant me
the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the Strength to change the things I can,
and the Wisdom to know the difference.

El mundo pertenece al valiente,
del cobarde no se a escrito nada.

To those people out there that have helped me make it this far, thanks for believing in me and for the encouragement to keep on fighting. Para todos en Puerto Rico, Titi, Tita, y la familia en general, muchas gracias por toda la ayuda financialmente y en otras formas que ustedes saben. Mami gracias con todo mi corazon.

To C-82, Sponge, Shmoe, and Clue (less) — thanks for weathering my temper tantrums and for being there when I needed you guys the most (all the time!). Take care, God Bless, and Good Luck.

Dykes: 1988 - Stuart E. King

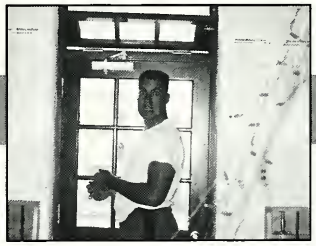
Angel Jose' Nazario

Mechanical Engineering - Army

A. J., J. A., Amenhotep, Lurch

Perry Point, Maryland

Cpl 3; Pvt 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Drug & Alcohol Committee 3, 2, 1; New Market Honor Guard 3, 2; Number One Club; Class of '61 Tailgate Parties; Concourse Dweller 1; Commission Quester



When I first came to VMI, I didn't quite understand VMI, but one thing I knew for sure when accepted going to VMI meant accepting a big challenge. Over the years I have learned and experienced things at VMI that no other schools would have.

Hey Frank and Todd "King" "Ta La Vua," what a great year we had I would never forget.

To my roommates Dan and Cajigal thanks for everything, you are great guys. Cajigal I like you a lot if you would tell good jokes, but please no dead baby. To my rat and the rats in 182 club I wish you the best of luck, do the best and leave the rest to God.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my uncle Truyen who has cared for and helped me all these years. To Anh Tung cam on anh rat nhieu ve su giup do cua anh tinh than cung nhu vat chat.

To coach Shinault and all who have been cared for me, through your letters, cards, care packages, and your love, you have brightened and helped me during my cadetship. I also would like to thank you and may God bless you.

Dykes: 1988 - Phan Thanh Tung (T2)
1994 - Nguyen Van Khanh

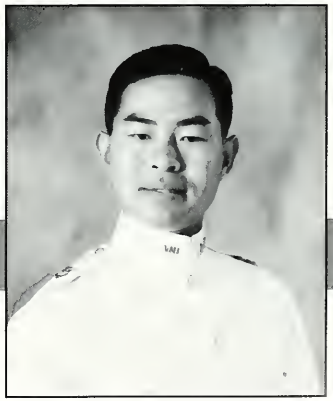
Cuong Phu Nguyen

Army - Mechanical Engineering

Ted Nugent, Kung-Fu, NcGuyen

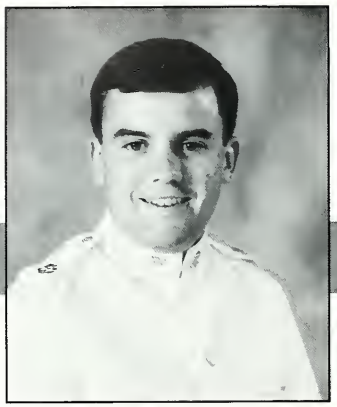
Richmond, Virginia

VMI International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Battery 2, 1; Ranger Plt 3; ASME; 496 Club; 382, 282, 182 Club; Private 4, 3, 2, 1.



Robert C. Nickel

History - Navy



Nix, Nickelhead, Brewdog

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Rat 4, Cpl. 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Road Runners 3, 2; Rugby 4, 3; Magic Bus 3; D-Head 4, 3, 2, 1; Blatent Omnious Club 4, 3, 2, 1; DB Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Home sick 4, 3, 2, 1.

Four score and what seems like eons ago, I set foot on this post as an immature Beer drinking fiend. I was in search of some direction to mold me into a responsible adult, and get me on my way with life. I think I can safely say that I've finally found that direction in VMI. This broke down palace has taught me that responsibility is the key, from formations to classes from mixers to Hang overs it's taught me that you deal with life one day at a time with your head held high and the knowledge that perseverance will see you through.

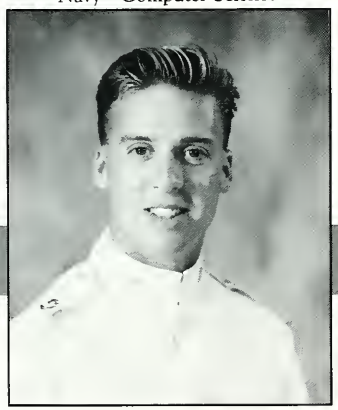
Whom do I owe this to, but my Mother and Father. You showed me the light, you put me on that road to adulthood what can I say but thank you and that I love you both more then words can tell. Dad (Brother) heres to the brother hood of the Ring!

To my roommates Dickhead, Pugs, and Burchman thanks for being there when I needed you I can't express my feelings for your friendship. To rooms 114, 112, 111, s-50 I say More Beer! I have nothing left to say, but that I'm going to leave this broke down palace on my hands on my knee's I will roll, roll roll!

Dykes: 1988 - Hugh McMenamin
1994 - Robert Sutton Fetterly

Timothy Patrick Nolan

Navy - Computer Science



Shoobie

Westfield, New Jersey

Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; TCFC 3; Shamrock Spinal 2, 1; Virgin Collar Blub 4, 3, 2, 1; SD.

It's funny . . . the time has come for me to say goodbye to this place and now I don't know what to say. I can, however, say that is has been an interesting experience. It has been a place that has caused me much grief and yet a the same time has given me some fond memories. I guess over four years you are bound to have some fun no matter where you are. To all of my roommates, I was just trying to broaden your musical background! To all of my friends, past and present, thanks for everything. Bone . . . enough said!

I never could have made it without the help of some very caring people. To start with I have to thank the Lawrences. You all gave me a second home and without you I don't think I would have made it, thank you. I also have to thank my family, Chris, Dave, mom and dad. thanks for all of your support both spitiually and financially. Words cannot even touch the way I feel. I love you all very much! Finally I would like to thank God and the Virgin Mary for watching over me both on and off the field for the last 4 years. Good Bye VMI!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve King
1994 - Mike Weaver "The Weave"

Christopher Andrew Nunn

Electrical Engineering - Special Student

Zero, None, Nukky, Happy rat

Danville, Virginia

Rat 4, Pvt 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Volley Ball Club 3, 2, 1; Big Brother 3; AAS 4, 3, 2; IEEE 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1; Danvillian 4, 3, 2, 1; Hick 4, 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 2, 1; Sum. Sch. 4, 3; SS 3, 2, 1

Well it's finally here. My days at VMI have thus far been the best in my life. I've met a lot of guys who will be my friends for life, and I've met the girl who will soon be my wife. I LOVE YOU JEN.

Mom, Dad, Anna, Ed, Ava, Amy, and Ashley, I Love You all very much. Thank you for being there to support me four the past four years. Mom, I told you I would make it. Dad, thanks for always being there. You mean a lot to me and probably the person that I admire the most in this world. Thanks for everything from Little League to the support that you have offered to me while at VMI.

It's been real, and it's been fun, but it has been real fun.

"I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil. 4: 13

Mike, Evan, and John thanks for the past three yrs. and listening to talk about Danville.

Dumo, Cooley, Tim and all other EE's, Its been great.

Hubba Hubba, House Mountain Sure Is Pretty, Ditto, It's a beautiful morning, and I love you too.

Dykes: 1988 - Rob Taylor
1994 - Jason "Ding Dong" Doering
Brent "Rocky" Wills

A man's life is like a road with many twists and turns. Sometimes they are planned, sometimes unexpected. Coming to VMI was definitely in the latter category but I never regretted it because It was the first time that I took charge of my own life. I want to thank my mother for this because without her I never would have discovered VMI. Mom, I know you could kick yourself for that but I forgave you long ago.

In my years away from my family, I felt closer to them than I ever did before. I now know what it means to be part of a close family - one whose closeness depends on the strength of its love, not the number of miles separating it.

My Brother Rats are also part of my family. I love you all like brothers. You kept me out of trouble and helped me keep my sanity. Most of all, you taught me not to take life too seriously. For this, I thank you.

There is no finer group of men on this Earth than the Class of '91. I am proud to call you my Brother Rats.

Dykes: 1988 - Al "Chico" Cuellar
1994 - John "Skeeter" Campbell

Frederick Oldfather

Army SS - Economics and Business

Derf, Pops, Youngmother

Elkhart, Indiana

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; AUSA 4, 3, AUSA Sec 2, AUSA Pres 1; CRC 2, CRC Pres 1; Tour Guide 2, 1; Usher 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Club 68 2, 1; Most Elgible Bachelor 4, 3, 2, 1

When I look back at my time spent at VMI I feel that overall it was time well spent. It has been a tough four years. I have been lucky, I have had many people supporting me, pushing me, and some kicking me in the pants. I would like to thank my biggest supporters. Mom and Dad, I LOVE YOU. Thank you for everything that you have done. Without you two I would have never made it. Jenny, I LOVE YOU. Thanks for being there when I needed some one to talk to. Have a great time at school you'll do great. Laura, I LOVE YOU. Thanks for being there when I needed you. Soon. One group of guys that I would like to thank are the guys on the Soccer team, you guys made this place bearable. Drew, Brad, and Dave we made it and we go into the history books. Alex, Courtney, Eddie, and Matt keep up the work and kick some more balls. Brad and Wade, thanks for everything. You guys made the last two year great. Perk and Cooter thanks for keeping me laughing. Last but not least Rich, I can't believe that we have made it this far, good luck and God bless!

Dykes: 1988 - "SPUD"
1994 - Russ "clue" Rutter

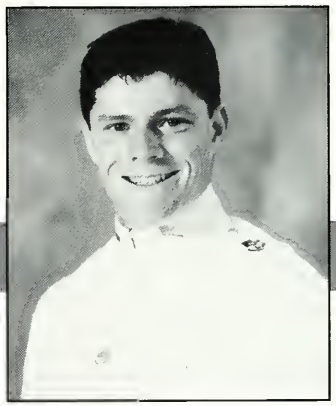
William Samuel Orlov

English - Special Student Army

Russian Bear, The Bear

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Soccer 4, 2, 3, 1; Captain VMI Soccer 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans other list 4, 3, 2; S-6 Staff 1; Social Club 147-1; Summer School Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Canterbury Club 4, 3, 2, 1.



It seems just yesterday that I matriculated. Unsure of myself, uncertain of the future, and perhaps a bit scared, I plunged into the Rat Line. Well, here I am at the end of the long and dusty road. I knew it would be tough, but I'm glad I didn't know how tough because I would have gone to Emory and Henry instead.

Mom and Dad, I owe you more than you realize for keeping my spirits up through these last four years. I love you. I must thank my grandparents for their encouragement and prayers. Dan and Jack, you are the best brothers a guy could have. Unfortunately, there isn't enough room to list all those who helped me succeed.

My years at the Mother "I" consisted of a strange brew of good times and bad. I will always remember the great times I had with the Troopers. "S", we have beaten the harsh odds. I can see now, no good will come of this! To my roommates Doug and Bill, our toils are over (Doug, I will return. The tab's on me). Rich, it seems we are the sole survivors of 482. We made it! Good luck '91, let's make our mark on the world !

Dykes: 1987 - Terry Fortune
1994 - Richard "Beach" Clark

Rufus Owen IV

Navy - Biology

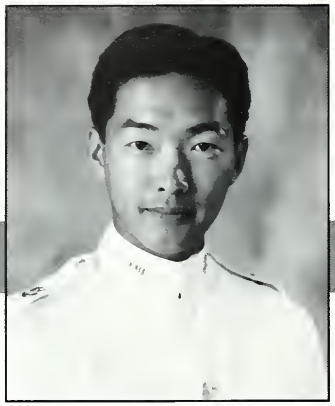
Mountain Jack, Ruper, Ruf

Alton, Virginia

F-Troop 4, 3, 2, 1; Martial Arts Club 4; Firefighters 2, 1; Circle K 1; Trident Society 2, 1; Club 81; Big Red Club 1; Summer School Vet 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Wkend Party Society

Ju-Chi Pan

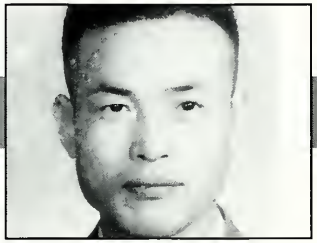
Navy - Computer Science



Rickey, Peter Pan, Pete, JC

Taipei, Republic of China

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmins Society 1; Dean's Honor List 4, 2; Distinguished in General Merit 2; Bruce William Undercoffer Award — Art, 1st Place'90



From C. N. A. to V. M. I., it has taken me 6 years to complete my B. S. degree. This to me means a whole lot! But, one thing I can be assured — it shall pay in a long run.

Here is a list of people to whom I want to say thanks: MOM & DAD, my high school Math teacher — Ms. Shang-Yueh Chiu, English teacher — Ms. Carol Wang, my honorable dyke — Tom Doupnik, my life-saver — Mr. Ching-Yuan Liu, and all the BR's who had helped me in my cadetship. And, finally, to the schools that made all these happened: The High School of National Taiwan Normal University, The Chinese Naval Academy, and The Virginia Military Institute, I will do my best to make you proud!

Dykes: 1988 - Thomas C. Doupnik
1994 - Stanley Song

Michael Loren Parnell

Economics/Business - Air Force

Mike P., Red Bull

Hampton, Virginia

Corporal 3; Regimental Color Sgt 2; Lieutenant 1; Promaji Club (a minority student organization) 4, 3, 2, 1; Vice President Promaji 1; 101 Posse.

I'd like to send a shout out to the following: Demetrius "DMc" McClarty and Dave Raucher, my brothers - I love y'all. Greg "the Hatch" Hatchett, my guardian angel - thanks for keeping me out of trouble. My roommates, Te, "G", & Wimpy - Y'all will always be my boyz! To my BROTHERS in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th classes (especially my dykes) and the classes thereafter - Long live the teachings of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Keep "the Dream" alive "BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY" do not let history repeat itself !! Last, but by no means least, Shirley Davis Parnell, my mother, Silas Glascoe, my grandfather, and Ada Glascoe, my grandmother - God rest her soul forever. Without you, none of my accomplishments would have been possible. I love you!!!

WORD IS BOND!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Delaney Williams
1994 - Edward S. Lanier

Hans C. Peeders

Mechanical Engineering - USMC

"Hanser"

Enumclaw, Washington

Private 4; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; . . . Private 1; Rugby 4; Roadrunners 3, 2, 1, VP 2; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, 1, Pres 1; Spec Ops 1; Boys in the Hole 4, 3, 2, 1; USMC, LA, Richmond Marathons

This year started out as both a high and low for me, coming away from OCS a graduate and coming back to the I on conduct pro. But looking back, and as Pat and Smit told me - it only made my experience more complete. These days I'll never forget, mostly because of my roommates - I couldn't have had better ones. Rich, I know that after my life in the Corps, I'll come back to some semblance of normalcy here with you, where we'll begin our next adventures. Smit, it's you and I alone of 104 - but between us the light will hold. Aaron, when you realize your dream and go West to the Big Sky, I'll be with you in spirit. To Trey - you've chosen the hard path, but always remember the reason why, and you'll emerge what you wanted to be. The Boys Below - good luck, it only gets worse. Todd - I follow you again to where we knew wed be. Couplands - thank you for everything, my East Coast Family. Finally, Mom, Dad, and Lu, my thanks and all my love to you. Without you, this would only be a dream. Goodbye.

Dykes: 1988 - Thomas F. Reimann
1994 - Trey Holden

Timmothy Lee Pennington

Air Force - Electrical Engineering

Lebanon, Ohio

Pvt. 4, 2, 1; IEEE 2, 1; VMI Engineering Society 2, 1 - President; Tau Beta Pi Charter Member, Preisent 1; Eta Kappa Nu President 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3, 2, 1.

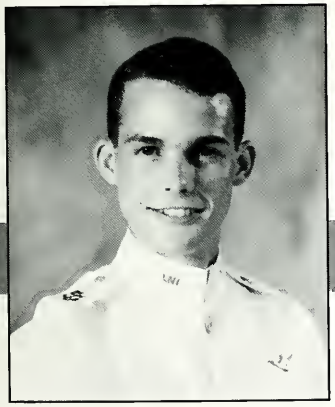
There's much that could be said about one's years at VMI. However, that which is most important is not what one did - but what one learned, for knowledge is the power of life. And I have learned much, from how to shine shoes to electromagnetic fields. However, it is the meaning of Philippians 4: 13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengths me" - which I consider my self most privileged to have learned.

My Parents first taught me this, but it was the events in my life during these VMI years, along with the hours spent at BSU, OCF and Chaplain's Bible Study, which permanently edge this belief in my mind. These events have not made my VMI experience a pleasant one, but one learns more from difficulty than one does from comfort.

Dykes: 1988 - Kenneth A. Walters (87b)
1994 - Chris Passarge

Matthew W. Perkins

Economics & Business - Air Force Pilot



Perks, Perk, Slim

McLean, Virginia

Rat Training 4, 3, 2; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; I-81 Racing Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Ushers 1; Virginia Gentlemen 1; Social Club 147 1; Cond. Pro. 2; Dazed & Confused 4, 3, 2, 1; Exam Hacker

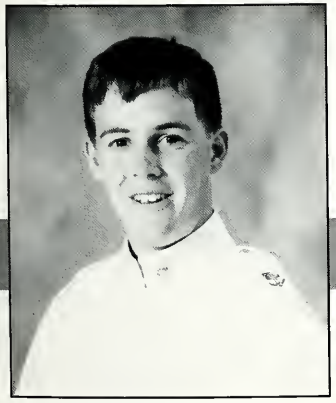
Well guys, it certainly has been a strange four years, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. You guys are the greatest and I dread parting with my friends who helped me make it through this joint. Brian & Joe, we own the Maury River . . . Tobacco. Crank & Rob, Skinny Dipping with Kathleen in New Jersey . . . 'nuff said. You guys are the greatest. Crank, Clue, & Todd, 17 hours straight and we're still alive. We've got to return to Mecca (Duke). Brad, Sam, & Wade, you are the boys. I'll never forget the Training Room Cinema & Draft House. Torch & Skank, my rat roommates and great friends through 4 years of this trash. You made me laugh at V. M. I. and I hope we always stay in touch. Chet & Jamie, I love you guys. Three years and we're still together. I guess "thick and thin" describes it all. Most of all I want to thank my Mom & Dad for their undying support, love, and prayers. I love you both very much. "It's not easy being green." - Kermit the Frog.

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may. Sieze the day." . . . . Watch your back . . . .

Dykes: 1988 - Jason "Shwag" Dudjak
1994 - "Hannah Barbera" Barrero

David Effinger Peters

Special Student - Economics/Business



Dave, Phie, Meister, Townie

Lexington, Virginia

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; 6 month vacation 3; fire fighters 3; Circle-K 1; car in county 4, 3, 2, 1; late night runner 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club

The days here seem to last forever at times but when I look back to Matriculation, it's as if it was only yesterday. I never thought this would be my choice for an institution of higher learning but at the last minute I made a crucial decision to give up four plus years of freedom and a normal college life. Mom and dad, I know you both were more surprised than anyone but I never would have made it without your support and understanding. Thanks also to grandma and grandad, Mike, and Erika; I love you all. It was so much easier with everyone close by that I often took it for granted, but when things were bad it was your encouragement and faith that kept me going. Finally, I would like to extend my never ending love and appreciation for you Melissa. These past two years have been wonderful and having you by my side has made life here at the "I" a lot more bearable. But most of all, my experience at VMI would not be worth it without the long lasting friendships that I have found in my Brother Rats. My departure from the "I" will be glorious, but will it be missed?

Dykes: 1988 - Andy McAllister
1994 - Aaron (divot) Hickman

YMINVMI? It has been an eternity, but I can smell the end. My hat is off to Marty and Heath - congrats on 4 solid years of confinement. I really don't know how to express how much I hate this place. Brian and Todd are likely to be the only ones who truly know my thoughts. You two have been long and steadfast friends. Thank you tons. Brian, I hope every day of your life is dark and rainy since that makes you happy. Todd, keep practicing - you'll hit that fly one day. To the boys of 71, BROMP! Brenda & David & Pat & Chuck - Thank you for your support. Tom, Joellen, and the rest of the VMIT - without ya'll this place would truly be Hell made over. Hey YANKEE - welcome to the Promised Land - bear your new title with pride Chad. To the Rats - STRAIN. Mike and Martin ya'll are alright. Now if you could just get my rack down! Take care of each other through the years. I've had some good times, but they're scarcer'n hens teeth. The Kangaroo has been my staying power for the past 2 yrs. I will NOT dress like an alumnus & NO, I WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN! Lastly, I LOVE you MA & PA.

Dykes: 1988 - Sam L. Tate
1994 - Mike Bubba' Eason
Martin Spaz' Dunn

George Emmett Petty, III

Navy - Economics

Redneck, Mr. Covey, Moe

Nunnelly, Tennessee

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Theater 3, 2, 1; Nintendo Club 1; Barracks Social Club 3, 2, 1; Scott Shipp Social Club 2, 1; Kangaroo 2, 1; Blow Co 4, 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club 2; Hick 4, 3, 2, 1

Four years at the Institute is very short but I have learned something here. I will not forget Brother Rats, the I, and everything. I remember the first day that I got here, I do not understand anything. My English sucked! However, I have still survived until now because of help from the faculty members, brother rats, and my dykes; Big Obb, the Great, Big Bean, and Mike. Although some people hate this place, I love it. If I will compare the I with something, the I is my second House. I have lived, been educated, fed, and trained here for about three years. Nowhere in the U. S. can compare to this Great Institute. Thank you for such a great experience.

The last thing is I would like to thank you my family, my relatives, and my friends from Montfort College and Triam Ta-Han'27. You all means a lot to me. Mom, I miss you so much. I wish you were here with me. I love you Dad, Pee Porn and Nong Jaruwan.

The last paragraph is to thank you Mr. & Mrs. Mapunya and Mr. & Mrs. Marks for your kindness.

Dykes: 1988 - Thongvit Noonpackdee
1994 - Shenn-Rong Shyong

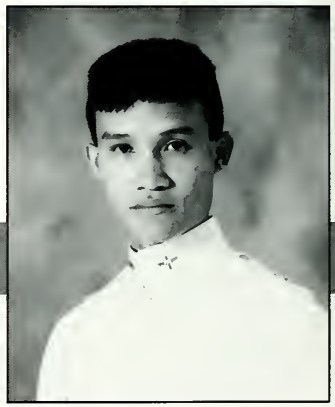
Thanakorn Pheeraphan

Royal Thai Air Force - Civil Engineering

Pete, Chuck, Ta-na-Gon, Yoy

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Ac Star 3, 2, 1; VMI Engineering Society (Tau Beta Pi) 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Physics Tutor 2, 1.



As I sit here and think what I might say, I wonder what these years were all about. I would have to definitely say that if it wasn't for my Mom and Dad, I never would have made it through that first year or the rest for that matter. Thank you Mom and Dad for always being there for me to listen to the endless gripes and complaints - I love you! To my sister Catherine, I love you and I wish you only the best in life. To the rack monster, T-T-T-Tom, you taught me well. You taught me to always keep a smile even when times weren't so good and to not take this place so seriously. Thanks for being a real friend. To my roommates, Dave, Frank, and Ben - Thanks for trying to keep me out of trouble. Hail to the Georgia boys! I wish you guys the best in the future. It will be lonely here without you guys next year. I'll always remember football games and being a member of the IHTP club. To my family - I love you and thanks for all your love and support. To the Rog - keep a smile (you don't have to like it) and have a good time. I wish you all the best. To my friends Steve and Neel - I'm glad we stayed in touch all these years and look forward to many good times in the future. See ya! I'm outa here!

Dykes: 1988 - Tom Bruffy
1994 - Roger Jones

C. Winn Philips, Jr.

Navy - History

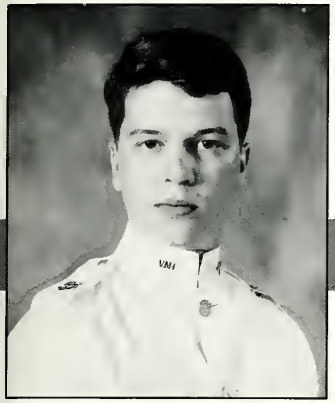
Pee-Wee, Philpot, Winster

Atlanta, Georgia

Glee Club 4; Rugby 4; VMI Theater 3, 1; Circle K Club 1; Car Club 3; Civilian 2.

Robin Lindsey Pitaniello

Air Force - Electrical Engineering



Pitt, Pitlo

Lynchburg, Virginia

Cadet Waiters 4, 3, 2, 1 - Asst. Head Waiter 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2, 1 - Battery XO 1; Little John 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Pvt 4, 2, 1.

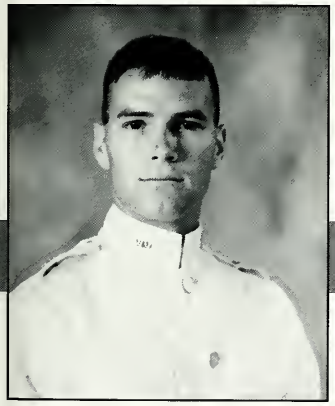
Well, the time has come at last. It is now our turn to cross that stage and leave four of our most memorable years behind us. I can't say that I completely enjoyed my years here, but I can say that these were the most intense, emotional, and meaningful years of my life. It would not have been possible without the continuous support from the greatest group of guys a fellow could know and live with, my Brother Rats; the words of encouragement, that were always welcome and greatly appreciated, from the two most wonderful people I know, my Parents; and all the Love, support, patience, and understanding anyone could give, and more, from the person I Love most . . . Thank you Pailin.

Jeff & Dean ("dum & dumr") it's been great! Keep in touch [Crom Lives!] — Thanakorn ("I don't know, Rob") you're one of the best friends I've had, Good Luck in Life [sa-was-dee] — Matt ("hey, Bich!") life won't be the same without you — Dave & Alan what can I say, you guys are great — To all those I don't have room for, Thanks. Again, Love and Thanks Mom, Dad & Pailin

Dykes: 1988 - E. Charles Nelson
1994 - Christopher S. Collins

C. Andrew Preston Jr.

Navy Scholarship - Mechanical Engineering



"Drew, Raisan, Tweezer"

Burke, Virginia

Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1; ASME Sec 3, VP 2; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, VP 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2, Clr Sgt 2; Batt XO 1; Ac Stars 3, 2, 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Nuke Power School

This Institute has been the catalyst of my life. I entered VMI unaware of the traditions and demands of cadet life. I have found it truly to be an atmosphere in which I thrive. Never before have I been challenged so hard mentally and physically. My hard work has transformed my dreams to reality. I have done the best that I can to make the Institute a better place.

My roommates Jeff and Jon. I cannot thank you enough. You've expanded my thinking and outlook towards everything. I'll cheerish all our memories. To THE team. On and off the field you've been my best friends and drinking buddies. Sam, Brad, and Pie. We've put up with each other for four long years. Especially my antics. The wins didn't come easy but they came.

Last and most important. I owe great thanks and love to my parents and sisters. Thanks for helping me through the ups and downs these past four years. Hair, Big Guy, Jula, and Booth. Thanks. VMI will be heard from in the Nuclear Navy. I assure you.

Dykes: 1988 - Charles "Gus" Shuster
1994 - Ed Hosken, Joe Dupre"slug"

ames Bartholamew Pugel

Army - Civil Engineering

Pugs, Pugsy, Malone, Stick

Geneva, Ohio

CPL 3, MSGT 2, BN S-3 LT 1; BOMB Staff 4, 3, 2, E-I-C 1; RING FIGURE MAG E-I-C 2; Rugby 2, 1; Peon 4; AIRBORE! 4; Magic Bus 3; Dean's Other List 3, 2; Dazed & Confused 4, 3, 2, 1.

Four years at VMI . . . a sentence not worthy of even the heartiest of criminals. Actually, when I finally look back and say that I am FROM VMI, I am very thankful that I made the decision to come here. The Institute has given me more than just an education, it has instilled values and standards that I will take with me as I leave. Honor, courage and perseverance are only a few of the many traits that I have come to gain a great understanding of.

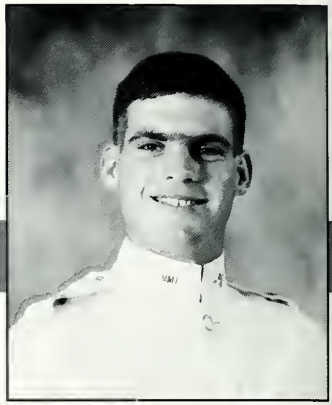
I cannot say that I have made it through this place alone though. Without the support of my family . . . Mom, Dad, Stephanie and the Grandparents, the road to graduation would have been a lot more rocky. On the day to day basis, my Brother Rats have always been there for me and I am thankful for their undying support and the unique bonding that has developed between us.

I look forward to what the future holds in store, and I am confident that the things that I have learned here will help me overcome any adversity.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Clark
1994 - Robert "Ro" Browning

Richard W. Radonis

English - Army



Radon, Unibrow

East Meadow, New York

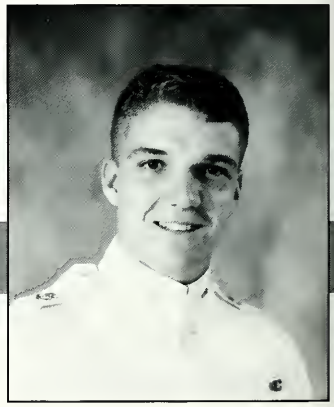
Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's Other List 3, 2; English Society 2, 1; Business Manager, Sounding Brass 1; President, Shocker Society 1; Tres., Young Rep. 1

Finally the time has arrived for me to sit down and collect my thoughts of the memorable times I've shared with Brother Rats, family, and friends at VMI. There are so many of you that had bearing on me and kept me going when times were rough. I'd like to thank my loving mother and father. I know it has been the toughest four years of our lives but we did it. I could not have made it without your support and comforting. My brothers and sisters, I love you all and hope I set an example for you. Sam, I love you like a brother. Brian and Andy, it has not even started, friends forever! Scott thanks for being a true friend. Dan, Dave, and Todd, Club 21 was an experience. Coach Bartlett, you gave me an opportunity to excel in life. These four years have been a father-son relationship. I love you for everything you provided with. Capt. Arthur, thanks. Maj. Stevens, I can't express my appreciation enough. Chaplain Caudill, thank you for your support when I needed it most. To my BR's, friends I've made forever. There are so many of you. Jim are you tyin' one on? Thank you VMI, it is time to say good by as we float on high!

Dykes: 1988 - "Big" John Kay
1994 - Jim "Hello" Hewitt

Russell Allan Raffay

Army - History



Ranger Russ

Byram, New Jersey

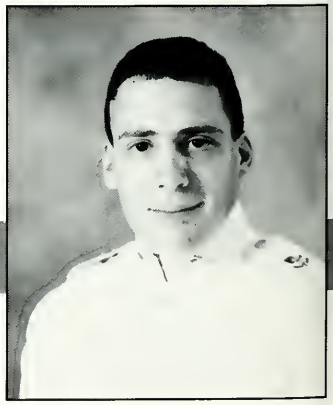
Rat 4, Corporal 3, Master Sgt 2, Company Commander Drum Major 1; Rat Training 1; Drug and Alchol Abuse Committee 3, 2; Brass Ensemble 2, 1; Airborne School 2; Cadre 2.

Four short years and eight long semesters have quickly come to a close. It is extremely hard to look back without first giving a sincere Thanks to all who have helped me make it! Thanks Mom and Dad, Grandmas Aunts Uncles and Cousins, yes that means you Frank, Tom Bob Derk, you guys are the greatest. Most of all, Thank you Charlie, your support has really helped me make it through this place. Thanks Mom and Dad for all your love and support and patience when waiting for that letter that was supposed to be there yesterday. All the good times, are, for a moment passing. I'm not all that worried, there will still be the Annuals with the Bag Brothers, and the countless raids on Ft Waterloo, not to mention the fires in residential communities (T&B). Derk, you go down the rapids in the kayak, not on the bottom! Frank, keep on scoring, I'm proud of you. Thanks Capt Brodie and thanks to all those who were just there. Room 103 will live on forever, Brad and Chris, what would this place be without your friendship? I have one more thanks, and thats Thank God it's over. In 6 short words, The Best and Worst of Times!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve Waters
1994 - Jason Price, Clay Mountcastle

David Kevin Raucher

Army - Economics and Business



Bo-Bo, Bullet, Rauchmeat, Mike Hunt

Rockville, Maryland

Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Corporal; Regt. S-3 Sgt.; Rat BTN Commander; Ico Commander; Fencing 4, 3, 2; The Fellas 2, 1; Lady 4, 3, 2, 1; 122 Crew 4; TEBA Sec. 2, VP 1.

Looking back on my four years at VMI I have so many people to thank and so many moments to reflect on. I can't believe I am the same guy who matriculated 4 years ago with one suit case and an attitude. Rat year: Thanks to my BROTHER RATS of the CLASS OF 1991, my dyke, Ted Cusick, and the rest of the 122 crew. As a third I thank two people for teaching me how to relax, Neffy and the rest of the huge room, and Battledog, you were always there when I needed you. Second class, as my stress level went up so did the number of people trying to make me chill out, Tim, thanks. Finally, First class year, and I moved in with the FELLAS, two of the best friends a guy could ever hope for. Trae (Phil) and Andrew (Hugh), VMI may have taught me about myself you guys taught me about life. Jason, remember what I taught you. I also want to thank Mom, Dad, Len, and Mel for all their love and support. Of course, LADY, "I could not love thee dear so much, loved I not honor more," over the last 4 years you have become my world and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Dykes: 1988 - Ted Cusick
1994 - Jason Nicholls

As I reflect on these past 4 years I come up with only one thing that I owe to VMI, and that is Thanks for bringing me close to my Lord, my family and my friends, the things that mean more to me than anything in this world and the things I never fully appreciated until now. I owe thanks to many others and must begin with the one who has made this all possible, the one who has blessed me with a family and friends that are matched by none. Thank you Lord. Mom and Dad, you have always been there, I love you. Aunt Lois, you are the greatest. Grandma L., I will always hang on to the bull rope and keep you in my heart. Grandma R., your cookies and love have kept me going. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me", Kovac, you quoted it and with each others help we came to believe it, Throw Far. Aunt Connie, Aunt Pat, Aunt Theodore, Greg, Doug, Kelly, Boris, Todd, Country, Pig, A.J. and the rest of my family and friends who have always been there and supported me, I thank you all. "They conquer who believe they can." (Emerson)

Dykes: 1988 - Steve Neary
1994 - Jim Sharp

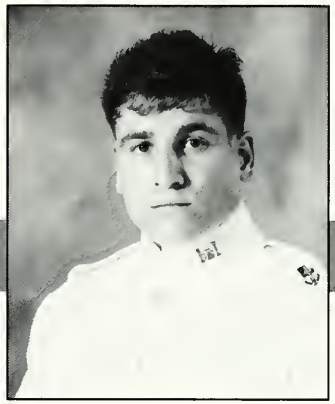
Paul Michael Recrosio

Army - Civil Engineering

Smurf, Troll, Rock, Paulie

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Deans List 4,3,2,1; Academically Distinguished 2,1; Drug and Alcohol Committee 3,2; Secretary 1; FCA 2; President 1; RFT Inst, 3; Wrestling 2; Asst. Strength Coach 1; SRC Crumb Club



As I look back upon the years, I cannot help but feel a sense of satisfaction. Many endeavors have I endured, that I would not have conquered had it not been for my Brother Rats. Matt, Paul and Jamey you've helped me through it all. The former room of 126, Fred, Izzy & Pavel the three of you are the best. I can remember many an evening willing the evening away while the three of you tried to pound literature into my head. Harris, & Ed what can I say but, I'm proud that you've both come back. Mom and Dad the both of you, along with Lou, Tim and Michele have given me the inspiration to continue even when I had failed. Thank you. Doc you have become a close friend. You have helped me through it all, thank you ever so much.

Dykes: 1988 - Carmine Inteso
1994 - Todd Capser (quit)

Joseph Fenelon Rioux VI

Marine Corps - History

Big Joe Rooooo

Toms River, New Jersey

Rat Football; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Karate Club 2; Boxing Club 1; Drug & Alcohol Commitee 1; Rat Planning Committee; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1

Four years ago I came to VMI for a commission and a pilot slot, and got a hell of a lot more than I bargained for. The experience of VMI is an indescribble one, comprehended only by those who live within its walls. I believe that the true appreciation of what this place has done for us lies well into the future. However, I do have a great deal of appreciation at this time. Knatt and Pop, thank you for your tolerance, love and support. I realize that at times things got pretty rough, but you were always there for me and I will always remember that. I hope I have made you proud. I am proud to be your son. I Love You. Mark, you finally grew taller. Just remember I'm still your "big" brother. Your successes so for are many and impressive, I wish you many more in the future. Good Luck Mr. President. B. G., I've watched you grow into a lovely young lady. You have a lot to look forward to, just don't out do us too badly. Remember: "Family First," "Suck it up." Pop, we almost have our wings. Thank you. Squirrel, you are on the right "track," stick to it.

Dykes: 1988 - Tom "TV" Kennedy
1994 - Tim "Nitro Squirrel" Lyon

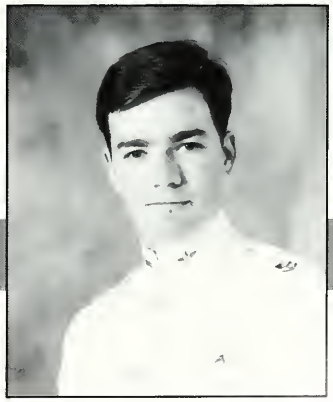
Michael J. Robertson

Air Force - History

Shogun, Elvis, Beer-Rock, Solid

Annandale, Virginia

RAT, Cpl, Lt; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2 Commander 1; Cadet Battery 3, 2; Circle K 3, 2, 1; Fencing 4, 3.



Michael Joseph Robichaud

Civilian - Civil Engineering

Robo . . .

Verona, New Jersey

Weekend Cavalier 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure '91 Committee; Plug & Chug; ME Dungeon 4, 3, 2; Three Amigos 1, GC Secretary 1; S-5 Staff; CPB 2, 1; Parades 4, 3; Dean's (AC Pro) List 2

I guess it's that time that I'm suppose to put all my negative experiences at VMI behind me and focus on why I remained here for 4 years. Basically because VMI let me. After that is the people. I thank the CE department for all its help. To those who came before me, Pratty and Spelly, you guys are great. As far as the many and diverse friendships I've established, What a BLAST! Bob, Bucky, Nicks, Charlie, Jamie and my BR's. Let's not forget the Houston St. summer. You helped the years go by fast. Pat, you know I how feel, you redefine "friend."My three brothers, Buck, Charlie and Ed, we've overcome many obstacles together. Who know how?!Tom and The Family, your support and influence is immeasurable. Kim, what can I put into words, you were always there. May all your dreams come true, no one deserves it more. Rats of III, carry on. Finally my family, I always knew you stood behind me. My mother and father, the most important people in my life, I'll never leave you. I hope I've made you proud.

Looking back, if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't. (Help Received, TSM '88)

Dykes: 1988 - Thomas S. Munno
1994 - James Anastas, Pete Major

Daniel Kennon Robinson

Air Force - International Studies

Worm

Springfield, Virginia

Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Commanders 4, 3, President 2, 1; Young Republicans4; Continuous Apathy 4, 3, 2, 1; "I hate this — place!" 4; Still hate it 1.

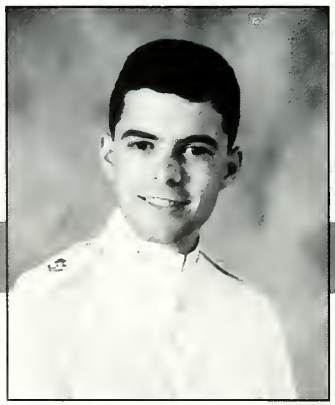
I suppose that this is the space designated for me to nostalgically recollect all of the wonderful and heart-wrenching experiences that I enjoyed during my four year sojourn at VMI. Unfortunately I draw a complete blank. Four years at VMI has exposed me to the largest assortment of petty, moronic, narrow-minded, militaristic peons ever assembled in one place at one time. For this I am thankful, as I now feel fully prepared to deal with any amount of idiocy which I may yet encounter. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule. To the guys in Band Co. who suffered all four years with me, I wish you the best of luck in future years. I want to particularity thank the Tomb Room crew and the guys in 163. You guys mean a lot to me. Lets get together and drink a beer when we're forty. Splash, I owe you a double for putting up with me this year. Turner, n'oubliez jamais 'le gout.' As for my four year roommate, Steve, we'll talk later.

Mom, Dad, and Jim — Thanks for everything. Without you I would never have made it. I love you all more than you know.

Dykes: 1988 - Dan Shrimpton
1994 - Steve Ranicki

Walter Edward Rogers

Navy - English / Int. Studies Minor



Walt, Wally, Eade

Richmond, Virginia

Rat, 4; Cadre Cpl., 3; Sgt, 2; Lt., 1; VMI Firefighters, 3; Rat Training, 2; Regt. Honor Guard, 2; D Co. S-2, 1; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; Illegal Car Club, 2; HMWHC 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, I've finally made it through this place. For a place that supposedly has so much to offer, about the most lasting thing I've taken from this place is a bad attitude. No, that's not true; I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. I've made some friends here who will remain close to me forever. Steve, Boomer, you guys are the best. You guys put humor in an otherwise totally depressing existence. Buckland, the times we've had have been the wildest of my life. The "Twin Terrors" will go down in history! What REALLY happened on the Metro, anyway? If we end up at Pensacola together, all I can say is the town will never be the same again.

Folks, I could not have made it without you, either. You two have been so supportive and helpful. Thanks for being patient and listening to my gripes. Dan, you're the best little brother I could ask for. Thanks to you too, Steve. I'm eternally grateful. And Greg, keep your chin in and keep working hard — You can make it!! As for me, I'm outta here!!! Good Riddance!!!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve Pearson
1994 - Greg "Mushroom" Webster

We've finally made it. After four long years of late nights, hard work, and dedication our journey through VMI is complete.

Although it has been very trying, the "VMI experience" is one that I would not trade for anything. I have learned more about myself in the past four years than most people will realize in an entire lifetime. And most important to me, I have made friendships that will last no matter where I go.

I owe Mom and Dad more than words can ever say. You two have always been there for me no matter what. Thanks.

Here's to the guys of S58. Doug, Pete, and Steve, thanks for putting up with me. You guys are the greatest.

Champ and Ed, thanks for helping me through. Best of luck to all the dykes in S58.

So long VMI. Look out wild blue yonder, cause here I come!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve Champion
1994 - Edward Henning

Gary E. Rose

Air Force - Mechanical Engineering

Rosebud, Casper, Rosemonster

Gordonsville, Virginia

Honor Court 2, 1, Prosecutor; ASME 4, 3, 2, 1; Engineering Society 2, 1; Rugby 4; Rat Training Cadre 3; Cadre 2; Cpl. 3; Sgt. 2; Platoon Lt. 1

Well, the end is near, and I can't wait until the day I can live like a normal human being. I know that the past four years have put a lot of tension on a lot of people. But, I would like to thank all the people who have helped me along the way. Starting off with my parents, coaches, teachers, tutors, chaplain and any one else of the V. M. I. family. My cadetship has been the typical rollercoaster, but the most interesting day was matriculation. I came to V. M. I. with a mustache, sun glasses, sun tan lotion, and lots of shorts for college. Boy, was I in for a shock. But I stuck it out and I have faith that everything will turn out O. K. The high point of my cadetship was the Conference meets. Now I would like to turn to all of those who shared in the experience of "Dolph-A-Mania" during this extended nightmare. "Vaxama," "Box," "Paula Power," "Hawk-a-mania," "rumpazoid," "Big Daddy Nuts," slot, Griz, Mr. s-I, beef barber Bryant "The track Pack," The Strausburg Stooges.

Dykes: 1988 - Martin Castillo
1994 - David Presnell

Jeff A. Rudolph

S. S. Army - HI

The Dolph

Middletown, Dolph Hollar, VA.

Track 4, 3, 2, 1, (no choice); Rack lab studd 4, 3, 2, 1; Virgin Pvt. 4, 3, 2, 1; S-5 Bench Press; Weight Room Regimental Staff, XO.

I can not believe that I am finally getting to write my class history. After reading everyone elses for the past three years I never thought I would have trouble putting something down on paper. Well here I am and I have no idea where to start. I guess the best place to start is with my parents. Without you two I would have never come close to surviving this place. The support I got from you all in school and in football will never be forgotten. Next, I have to pay tribute to my fellow companions in ROOM 112. Bucky, Bob, and Pat are the best academic influence a cadet would ever need. (HA HA) The friendship which we started at that party at Bob's house pre strain summer will hopefully carry on throughout our lifetime. If I can find half as much fun out in the real world as I have found in the past 4 years with you guys, my life will be full of enjoyment. Last but not least, I need to thank everyone who ever helped me out while I was here. Thanks Guys!

Dykes: 1988 - Chris Bunn
1994 - Steve "Whose my dyke" Isola
Wayne Lambert

Tony Christopher Rule

Economics & Business - Army

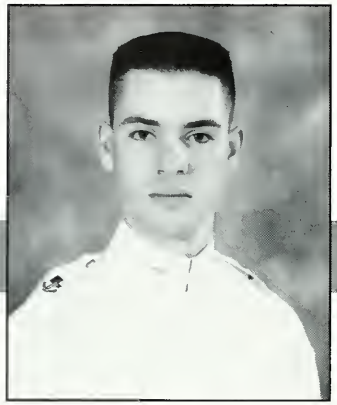
Rulerhead, Rulester

Milton, West Virginia

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 5, 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1; Marshall Road Trip Club 3, 2, 1; Cocke Hall Rat Hole Club 4; B. M. A. 1

Kevin Janoske Rumsey

History - USMC



Rumbo, Tree-monkey, Rums

Camp Springs, Maryland

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; PLC/OCS 4, 2; Militaria Society; "22 crew"

I will never forget my experiences at VMI, nor the people I have shared them with. Thanks to the those who made my time here interesting. Special thanks to my family and friends who made my time here fun. Extra - special thanks to my best friend, Sue, and my roommates: Jack, Martin, Brian, and Chris.

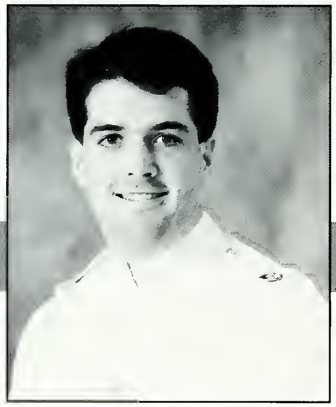
I haven't yet resolved to be whatever. Decision making has always been tough for me, but regret is my greatest fear.

"Que sais-je?" Montaigne
"I don't know" O.O.
Who cares?

Dykes: 1988 - Mike Beyer (Baik, McGraw)
RAT - Martin Russell (JC,BL,JL,SM)

Stephen M. Rusher

History - Army Special Student



Steve, Roosh, Slug

Richmond, Virginia

PVT 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranker 0; English Society 2, 1; Pre Law 2, 1; Hop Floor 4, 3, 2, 1; Invest Club 1; Ghetto Warrior 3, 2, 1; Slug 2, 1; Illegal car 2; Cond Pro 2; Mil Best club 4, 3, 2, 1

I just have one thing to say. Why didn't I go to Tech? I have been asking myself that since day 1. Hopefully I will find an answer after graduation, when I make my first million. I've been slugging around this place for 4 years now, and maybe I learned something along the way. Shane old buddy we've finally made it 4 years living together, but I don't know if I could have made it without that cheerful attitude you had about this place. Mike 3 years I don't know how we made it without ever getting in trouble and by the way I'll always think you are a little woman. Guys this is our last year together, but I hope we have many drunken reunions in the future, and thanks for everything. Bill, I guess we've done just about everything together, and now we will graduate together and IT'S ABOUT TIME you graduated. Ray thanks for all the soda you Hokkie. Mom and dad thanks for all the moral as well as the financial help, I love you both. Heather thanks for 4 wonderful years. Grandmaw the cookies made all the difference.

Dykes: 1988 - Phil Roberts
1994 - Rob Snodgrass
Sang Yoo

Gregory Saukulak

U. S. Navy - Computer Science

Sak, Jew, Rack Monster

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

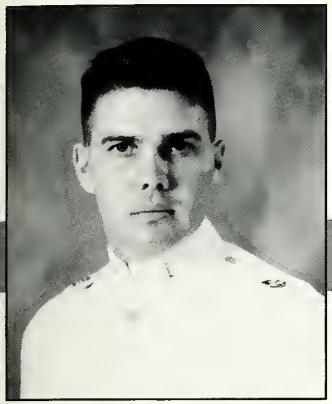
Rat 4; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Karate Club 3; Corporal 3; Plt. Sargeant 2; Echo Company XO 1; Drug & Alcohol Committee 2; Ratline Planning Committee 2, 1; Trident Society 3, 2, 1

It seems like just yesterday that I matriculated as a worthless high school puke. The years have passed quickly and I am now nearly at the end of my journey. I have many thanks to give to many people for the help they have bestowed upon me during my turmoil. First I shall thank my loser roommates for all the "encouragement" they poured unto me during the difficult times. To Ghengas, Foots, Eppa, and Buddah, I shall always remember you guys. Over the years we have many good times, I shall always remember the late night powder fights and the endless bust sessions. To my parents, mom and dad, I thank you for the encouragement, support and understanding you have shown to me through out the years, Sometimes more than I really deserve. I also thank you Ed & Lisa for the countless cards and support I have received. To Donna and Jo, I thank you for all the support and concern you have shown to me. To my Dykes Bill and Joe good luck and suck it up, it is only three more years. ——— Good Bye V. M. I.

Dykes: 1988 - William E. Burns
1994 - Bill Stegemertin, Joe Blanks

Jeffery Scott Sauntry

Computer Science - Navy (NPQ)



Jazzy

Corpus Christi, Texas

Corporal 3, Sgt 2, 3rd Bat. S-5 Lt. 1; Task Force Azalea 4, 3, 2, 1; Photography Editor 1, Bomb 4, 3, 2, 1; Firefighter 2, 1; Son 21, Intern Acad. Computing 2, 1; Counselor 1. NMC

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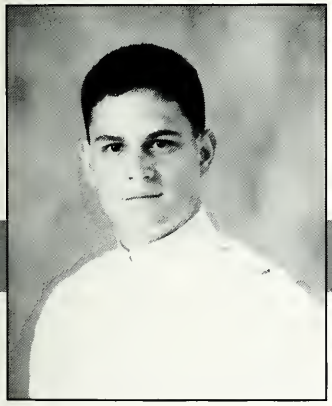
I will miss the friends VMI has given me. I am proud to be one of the chosen that has survived the perils of four years and now will be forever known as a member of the class of 1991. Although I walked "the path less traveled" alone, many special people in my life shared my dream and with tireless support made my journey a conquest filled with triumphs instead of a mired march toward fruitless goals. Richard and Mike you are my confidants and best friends; may the test of time never erode what we have come to share. Grandpa, you are my mentor and hero never has one had such a positive influence in shaping this freckled face boy. Grandma, you have been the cornerstone and stability in my life since I was born. You have walked with me to the edge of death and ask for nothing in return; you may always lean on me. Mom & Dad, thank you for everything, I love you, you raised me right. Sean, Micah, and William you have always been my purpose when my self-determination was not enough to carry me. Clay graduate and we will be even. Col. Fraley, Monsour, Hammond and Jones thank you for the experiences. Footprints, Amen

Dykes: 1988 - Scott Griffea
1994 - Clayton Marshall Campbell

Robert Sayegh

Navy - Economics & Business



Rob, Special Ops.

Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Reg. S-1 Lt. 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Dean's List Student; Road Runners 2, 1; Big Red Club 2, 1; New Jersey Giants Fan Club member

My Dad once told me "you either work hard when you're young or when you're old". Although, I'm far from "paying all my dues", I am encouraged to know that a major step of my "dues" is nearly completed. But now that it is almost completed, I sort of feel like Robert Redford in the end of the movie "The Candidate" when he said "now what?" I'm expected to really produce now and I'm not really sure what I know or what I'm qualified to do. Time will tell and I hope to rise to the occasion.

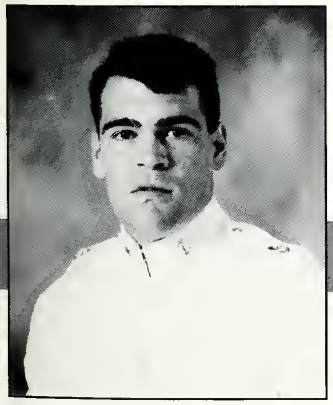
"If I marry half the woman my mom is and become half the man my dad is I will consider myself a success". Mom and dad I love you two and respect you more then words can express. Thank you for the great influence and support. Tracy, you made this place a lot easier to handle with all you're support. Thank you! You're a great friend and I love you very much. Thor, You're the best friend I've ever had. I love you, pal! I will greatly miss you. Shannon, better late then never. Take care! To all my other BR's, thank you for the memories!

"Better to reign in Hell, then serve in Heaven" - Milton

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Secrist
1994 - Robin Riviere

Jonathan L. Schanke

Navy Special Student- English/Spanish



Schank, Skank, Zorg

Reston, Virginia

Soccer 3, 2; English Society 4; VMI Cadet 2, 1; Rugby 1; Corporal 3

When I was a rat I remember hoping that I would be hurt in some sort of accident, sufficiently mangled to warrant a trip home of indefinite length. I never received the temporary disfigurement I was looking for, however, and spent six months of my life scared, bald, and malodorous. Despite the glamour that surrounded me in those early days, if it hadn't been for the letters and support of my friends and family, I might not have stayed. I did stay, though, and since that first year, my friends and family have continued their patronage, my friends providing cost-free weekend lodging and their much-valued company while my family has been there at every possible moment to cater to my every possible need. I cannot thank everyone enough.

"With hair, hygiene, the absence of hunger, and the help of friends here, life at the 'I' these last three years has been good. For a place I used to hate so much (I used to curse the Battle of New Market and consistently refused to wave my red polyester shorts at football games), I think I'll be almost sad to leave.

Dykes: 1988 - Rob Goodwin ('87)
1994 - Matt Nichols

It is supposed to be the best four years of your life, well it has not been the best four years of my life but I must say it has been the most rewarding. I would never do it again, but I am glad I have. I leave VMI with great memories. it has been a long hard road, but without the closeness of my friends and roommates the day to day trials of VMI would be impossible.

To my drinking buddies, may the beer always be cold and cheap! To the late nights in the hole, some how we did it! To my rat Dan, may your experiences at VMI be has fulfilling and rewarding has they have been for me. To my roommates, Robo, Lump, and Ed, you all deserve a medal, I can't tell you guys how much I am going to miss you all, the best of luck in all that you strive for. Finally to mom and dad, the most important people in my life, with out your love and affection I would never have been possible. You have always showed me the right way, I can only hope to come close to being like the parents you have been for me. Thankyou for all you have given me, I love you!

Dykes: 1987 - Bret Shepard
1994 - Dan Labyak

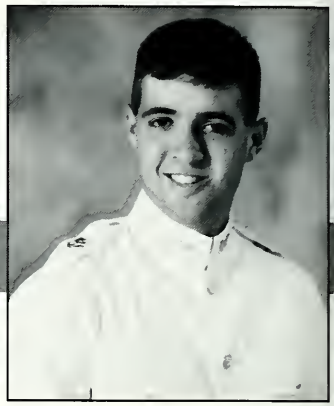
Charles Richard Schindler

Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Chuck, Schindigger

Va. Beach, Virginia

Cross-Country 4, 3; Indoor Track 4; Outdoor Track 4; Hop and Floor Vice Press. 1; cpl, sgt, DBC 4, 3, 2, 1



I have spent 4 long years at this Institution, and shall stay 1 semester beyond my brother rats' graduation. I look back on my time here and am filled with mixed emotions; the years here have been hard and lingering, but as I approach the end of my keydetship I realize that I have accomplished the goals I set for myself. I wished to play college football, graduate with a Civil Engineering Degree, and obtain a commission in the USMC, and I have completed all of these. I want to thank my mother for her loving support throughout my life (I love you and I couldn't have made it without you). I want to tell my father how much I love and respect him (I hope I can spend more time with you in the future. I what to acknowledge my grandfathers for their noble lives and commitment to United States; I can only hope to emulate their sense of duty and honor. I also wish to thank my best friend, Duane, for putting up with me for all these years. I would also like to mention the long list of roommates: my rat roomies and our ghost, to Bill and ED the knuckle head twins, to Pete and Frank. Finally thank you Derek for your support and guidance - you made rat year exciting.

Dykes: 1988 - Derek C. McFarland
1994 - Eugene W. Pribila

Alvin Schmidt IV

Civil Engineering - USMC

Schmitty, Chip,

Hampstead, Md - "Hereford"

Football 4 long years; Corporal (about 3 weeks); Semper Fi So.; First Class Private; made deans list; summer school club; Plug and Chug; CE late study club; late grad. club.

It's been different and Thank God it's over! I've had some really great times here at the "I", but the thing I will cherish the most is the friends I've made. Pat, Greg, Denton, Soko, Wacky, The Weird One (John), Chad, Charlie, and many others, Thanks for making this place livable. Mom, Dad, and DeDe you have always provided the love and support I needed. THANK YOU!!! John and Gregg remember to keep laughing and Good Luck your remaining years at VMI. God Bless and Long Live the Class of 91!

Dykes: 1988 - Walter Coleman
1994 - John Cunningham
Gregg Shultz

Philip Moyer Secrist II

Army - Civil Engineering

Flip

Shenandoah, Virginia

Rat 4; Color Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; XO 1; ASCE 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Honor Guard CO 3; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4; SL1 Plt 1

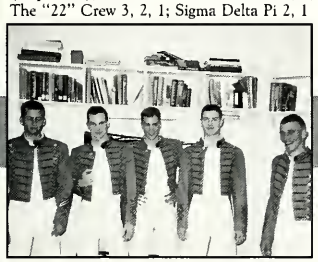
Christopher J. Serwinski

Navy - History

Ski, Chimp

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Usher 1; Volleyball 2, 1 (Captain 1); Clan of the Cave Cricket 3, 2; The "22" Crew 3, 2, 1; Sigma Delta Pi 2, 1

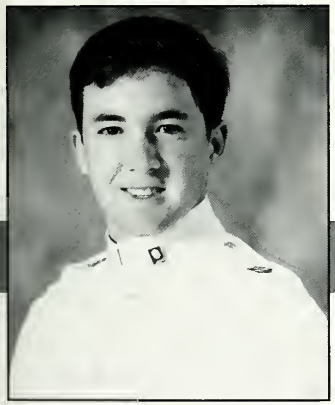


As my parents often remind me, I once said that I would never come to this place. My sitting here typing this is testimony to the fact that I was wrong; I'm not sorry that I was. The years I have spent here have been more rewarding than I could have ever imagined, what with the friendships I have developed, the experience gained, and that special brotherhood I will soon be a part of. Many people helped me through this place, not the least of whom are my parents and sister. Thank you. To the roomies (and Rob): I'll never forget or in some cases forgive you guys for all that you have done. Jack, Rumbo, Bri, and Marty (Kumkwat) . . . after living with you guys, anything else has to be an improvement. See you on the outside. To the dykes, esp. Sarge: stick with this place; it'll do you good. To the team: keep pounding 'em down. It's hard to believe that I'm almost out of here — take it easy all . . . time to break on through to the other side.

Dykes: 1988 - Randolph B. Williamson
1994 - Brian "Sarge" Larue

Oscar Van Pelt Sessoms IV

Civilian - Computer Science



Buck, Lump, O. V.

Richmond, Virginia

The Deans Other List; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3 (oops); Guideon 1; Hop and Floor 3, 2; A&D Abuse Committee 3, 2; Corps Trip Master of Ceremonies 2; Tree Climber 4, 3, 2, 1;

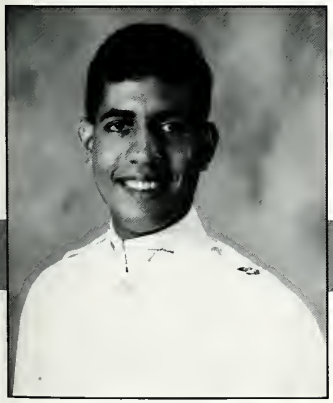
Well, another Sessoms is about to end his stay at the Institute. I thank my father for not pressuring me to come to his and his father's beloved school, yet also thank him for instilling the same love in me. My mother and father both are the ones who stuck with me and were there whenever and for whatever I needed; I love you both and will always be thankful for you. I promise to call more when I am on my own and to visit more than when I was here; maybe you could give us the house just one more time!

To Charlie, Mike, and Ed: we aren't done yet. You guys have shown me more good times and true friendship than I know what to do with, so now that we are going to be free, watch out! To the Suite mates, of 109 the same. To all the br's who've done it right, the rankers and privates, skiers, surfers, hunters, and those who just slept, you taught me how to love the system and buck it just as hard, thanks! To my brother and to Amy both, who I have just begun to know and love within the past four years, I will never forget.

Dykes: 1988 - Jim Wiecking
1994 - Sean Goldsmith

Julio Cesar Shaik, Jr.

Army (S. S) - Electrical Engineering



Colombia, Shakybaby, Shaikster

Panama City, Rep. of Panama

Corporal; Sargeant; IEEE; Big Red Club; International Club; Conduct Probation Club (double secret member); S. S. Corps; King Confinement Club.

I don't know how to start this. I can't believe I'm already writing my history. It seems like yesterday when I was straining with my head shaved. Those were very hard times for me, but now they're gone and it's all memories now. Maybe I came here and stayed for the wrong reasons, but I don't regret it. Now looking back, I think this was my best choice and I can't see myself at any other place. That doesn't mean that I like the place or that I will ever miss it. I don't know, but VMI has left a scar on my life that will never disappear. VMI has taught me a lot. I think it has made me a better person, with a very high sense of pride, honor and self-esteem. I would like to say thanks to the two persons that made all this possible and that has guided me and has given me their support for twenty years now. These two persons are my mom and my dad. Gracias mama, gracias papa, no hubiera sido posible sin ustedes. Below you can see a picture of Panama City (mi Panama). Someday I'll be back for good, because my sons are going to be Panamenians just like me, "con sabor tropical".

Dykes: 1988 - Oscar "Big O" Williams
1994 - Ernest "Action" Paxton

After four ahysmal years at VMI I can honestly say that I have despised nearly every waking moment of my Cadetship. But somehow I know that when I leave this place, the bad memories will fade away and only the good ones will remain. The most valuable possessions that I will take with me when I leave VMI are the friendships that have made life bearable, and at times even enjoyable, over the course of the past four years.

Bill, Bone, Dave, Tim, thank you for not strangling me to death. But more than that, thanks for the support and the friendship that enabled me to endure. Jominy, Buddy, Mikie, and all of the Ghetto Bad Boys . . . thanks for reminding me daily of the senseless nature of our existence, of the ever present need for beverage, and for some of the best times that I'll never remember. Special thanks to Mike Waroblak for faithfully providing a hiatus from all that is VMI. Your tenacious insistence that the world is an orderly place has provided a stable foundation for my crumbling sanity. Mom, Dad, Wendy, I love you more than I can say . . . Thanks for everything.

The End

Dykes: 1988 - Brad Adams
1994 - Francis "Bull" Boehling

Steven Wade Shelden

Navy - Civil Engineering

"Freight Train"

Richmond, Virginia

Academic Stars 2, 1, H. C. 2, 1 Prosecutor 1 Unauthorized Car Club 2 Number One Club 1; Milwaukee's Best Light Customer of the Year 3, 2, 1 Sigma Delta 1 Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1

It's been an interesting four years and We've finally made it. I was always asked why I was constantly happy. Well, my main explanation is, WHY NOT! Now, I head to the navy and I leave behind my closest friends, but the memories will be with me for a lifetime. Yes, I'll probably be one of those "crazy" alumni who are getting back to the "I" at every available chance. Why?, because the "I" is without parallel. She is the finest America has to offer and I am proud to be one of her alumni. Kai and Jim, thank you for putting up with the slob the past three years. I guess roommates can be the best of friends. Steve, good luck the next four years, I'm sure you'll realize one day that it is all worth it, TRUST ME. Mom and Dad, thank you for the support all these years, and, of course, Walter and Debbie, thank you for being my home away from home those first two years. CPT. H and Col. H, hang in there, you have made a difference. To the Cox's, thanks! Last, but never least, Doc, I hope you realize just how much you mean to the corps. You will never be forgotten.

Dykes: 1988 - Bill Reagan
1994 - Steve Brock

John D. Shorter

Navy - Electrical Engineering

Smiles, Giggles, Happy Rat

Montgomery, Alabama

Pvt, 4, Cpl, 3, S-5Sgt, 2, Reg. S-5, 1; Glee Club, 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE, 3, 2, 1, Pres. 1; Canterbury Club, 4, 3, 2, 1, Pres. 2; Tau Beta Pi, 1; Trident Society, 3, 2, 1; Perpetually Cheerful, 4, 3, 2, 1

I heard someone say, VMI is the road less traveled, and with a mix of academics, military, wool, and excessive fatique, it doesn't surprise me. It has been a rough road but I made the right choice. Rich, 2 out of 4, we beat the odds. And for the thanks . . . Mom, Dad, Anne, Steve, the sisters four, and especially my grandparents for the continuous love, support, and advice they gave me throughout my life as a cadet, I couldn't have done it without you two. Katherine, thanks for shipping me and my roomies to Baldwin for mixers as seconds and thirds, you were our savior. The DAKS will live forever, I'm just glad we didn't get booted for our wrong doings. AJ, you were a great dyke and taught me well, Semper Fi. To my roommates Coley, Charlie's S. and C., and Andy for putting up with my constant BS for the last 3 years. Charlie, remember the 4 keys to success, String, malox forever, and the Coley planner. Good Luck Jason and the dyke's of 114. Congratulations guys, we did it, the trip to hell is over. To everyone, good luck, to VMI, good riddance.

Dykes: 1988 - A. J. Williams
1994 - Jason Hunt

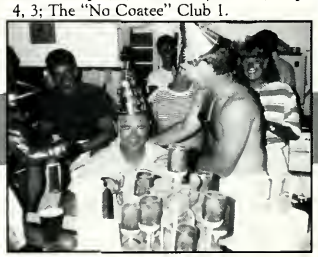
Robert Allen Shults

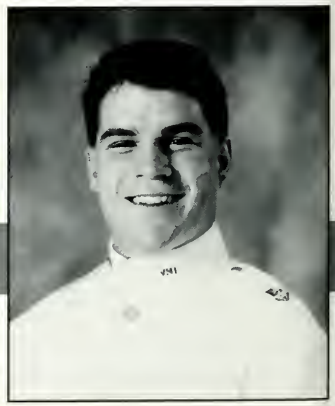
Economics and Business

Shultsie, Bob, Turbine

Marion, Virginia

Dean's List 2, 1; Tennis 4, 3; Private, all; English Society 3, 2; Circle K 1, TEBA 1; Investment Group 2, 1; Canturbury Club 4; Stupid 4, 3; The "No Coatee" Club 1.





Piya Sirisuth

Air Force - Electrical Engineering

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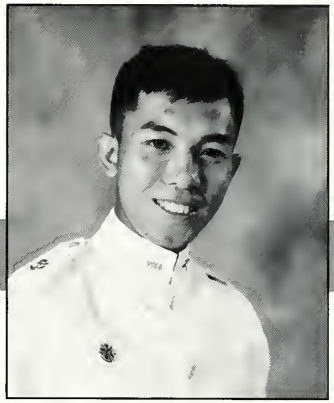
Royal Thai Air Force, Thailand

Vice President - Eta kappa Nu society, VMI Engineering Society, Barrack's electrician, Physics Lab assistant, Unauthorized car club



Today Tuesday 30 October 1990, I am typing my history in front of a computer for the year book. I hardly believe that I almost graduate from VMI. Time runs so fast for me. I still remember the first day at this institute on August 19, 1987. My name was put in Foxtrot company and I became a new rat at VMI. As a rat, I learned a lot of things from upperclassmen. Everything was totally different from what I thought before I came here. My dyke, Mr. Siratep Yuktasevi, a fearless man, helped me a lot in the first year. Without him, I may not get through today. I really appreciate you "Pi Tep". After being together with you "Brother Rat," I will never forget you all. Hey ! Black, Irby, Owen and Insinna, I hope to play soccer with you again in the future. I am proud to be a VMI man. Honor and gentleman ship will be stuck in my mind forever. Good bye Big Red, VMI. Thank again to Royal Thai Air Force Academy, including The Silpaserts, Mapunyas and Marks family. For all Thai cadets in the future, I expect all of you to bring good reputations to Thailand.

Dykes: 1988 - Siratep Yuktasevi
1994 - Nimit Suwannarat

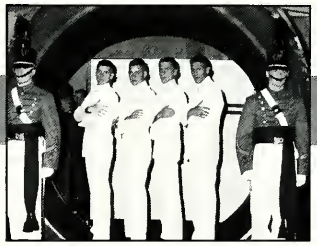
Aaron Mark Sink

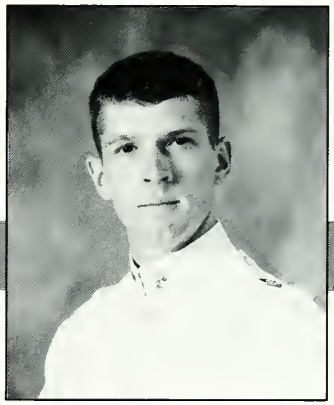
Mechanical Engineering - S. S. Marine

Sinkster, Sunshine, Redneck

Centreville, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1, Lt 1; Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; Roadrunners 3, 2 (Sec), 1; Hole 4, 3, 2, 1; ASME1; RDC 2, 1; MCM 3, 1; LAM 3; RM 2; B. B. B. G. Fan Club





Done! To the guys in the class of 1991, I'll always remember you. Long live the 441 crew. Hey Smitty,. . . in,. . . back,. . . in tight. Rob, Thor, and Robo stay up North where you belong. Hey Maddog and Robo, "Whatabout Larry?" Chad (Doctor Love), what would I have done without you, face check! To the boys in the hole BOHICA! Billy and Chet, long live the 03: 30 club. Hey Schindler, why do I always have to be the woman? Hans and Rich, we've been through a lot together, I'll never forget you guys (Ball Bustin). Hey Rich, who's your girlfriend this week? Jamie, your still candy, boy! Shannon, our dykes would be proud. Hey Pence, we made it. How, I don't know! To all the boys on the RDC, aah gimmee some, we had a great year. Hans and Chad, Don't do that! To my dykes, Sean and Matt, you guys had it tough this year, but you made it! You should be proud Matt, Bobby, Janelle, and Michelle, I couldn't forget you all. And finally to Mom and Dad, without your support and of course your money, I would've never made it.

Dykes: 1989 - Mike Crotty
1994 - Matt Walfred
Sean Dickman

Erik Denton Sisk

Navy - Chemistry

Sid, Kingpin, Moby, Fat Unit

Blountville, Tennessee

Football 4; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Unmotivated 4, 3, 2, 1; Radford Road Crew 2, 1; Toasted 3; Sgt. 2; Broke 4, 3, 2, 1; Ready to Quit 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 2;

How did I get here? Sometimes I think I was on some serious drugs when I applied. Anyway I made it this far and hope to finish it out. I have a whole lot to be thankful for actually. These last few years have been the most trying of my life without a doubt, but I have been blessed with some great friends and the greatest of supporters.

I would like to thank my parents first. Mom and dad, I think you are the greatest. Mr. and Mrs. Beck, thanks for all the support and morale boosters. I would like to give a special "thank you" to my grandparents. Charlie and Faye, you have been like parents to me. To everyone involved with the lessening of my torture I say "Thank You" and I love you all.

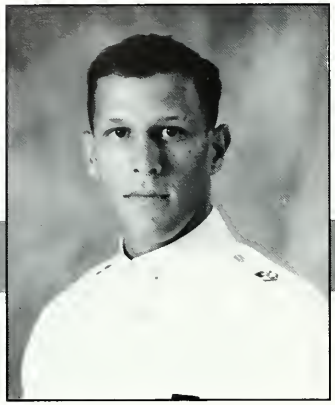
Everyone says that in a few years I will miss this place. I won't. Don't get me wrong or anything, it has been utterly awful.

I would like to end by telling Michelle that you are the most wonderful person I have ever met, I love you and look foreward to spending my life with you.

Dykes: 1988 - Mark Bristol
1994 - Bob Howard

Scott Matthew Smith

Navy - Economics and Business



Smitty, Shitty

Richmond, Virginia

4 Rat; 3 10-6-30 Cpl, Water Polo; 2 Sgt 10-2-35 Color Sgt, House Mountain Cadre, Marathon Club, RDC; 1S-1 LT, RDC Pres, Beefboy-always.

As usual I am copying someone else's idea so right now I'll cite 100% Help Received. First I will thank my dykes since noone else will. Mugsy, JJ, Damian, Bakes, Huge, I think I got all my sickness from you. To my roomies. Hans - Seig Heil, don't use too much wierd light in the USMC and remember, CA is waiting for us after a few years. Rich - Crabfests, Corps Trips, nothing else needs to be said. Aaron - Jim Beam, Deltas, faster, Chin, Shoulders, Arms. Yous guys are the best. Fred - I understand what you tried to do - Semper Fi. Dan - you worry too much, just put me in charge and everything will be alright. Memories: It's a rental. Ring Figure Practice. Bicycling @ Sourbush (Creature). Glowing aliens after Taps.

To Mom and Dad, the money I can repay, the love you gave I can never attempt to. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to prove myself.

The line everyone has been waiting for. To Allison - you have made the last two years both tumultuous and wonderful, keep it up. I love you.

Dykes: 1988 - Chris "Mugsy" Long
1994 - "Buzz" Lucas, Class of 1994

Stephen J. Smith

U. S. Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Heime, Hosebag, Stevie

Staunton, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Hop and Floor Committee 3, 2, 1; ASME 3, 2, 1; JMU Off-Campus Student 2, 1; Whipped 2, 1; BOHICA 4, 3, 2, 1; Late Nights with the Trolls 2, 1

I can't say that I've enjoyed VMI, but I can say that, in retrospect, it was worth it. I've made a lot of good friends here, and have seen more than my fair share. I would've done the same, but something held me leave. back. What was it? It was everything that I cared about. Family, brother rats, and Betsy. Anyway, to the guys who kept me sane - Dean, Queef, Lusar, Creature, Ski, Egg, Rumbo, Igor, Trash, Genghis, and everybody else - THANKS! You're always welcome in my home.

Mom & Dad, I owe all of this to you. Thanks for not giving up on me. The diploma is as much yours as it is mine.

Betsy, thanks for slowing me down long enough to realize just how great it is to love you. I never planned on meeting you, but now - I'm so glad that I did.

Finally - "Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
And I - I took the one less travelled by
And that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost

Dykes: 1988 - Bob "Bullethead" Hildebrand
1994 - Jamie "Prostitute" Roark

Wm. B. Smith IV

Mechanical Engineering - Special Student

Mr. Bill, Wild Bill Car, Q

Richmond (Chesterfield), Virginia

F Troop 4,3,2,1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 4,1; Treasurer, Volleyball Team 2,1; ASME 1; VMI Engineering Society 1; Club 81; RF Mag Writer 2

Four years and an eternity ago, I and 406 others, walked through the front gates. August 19, 1987. As I sit here, I think about that long ago day. Not as many remain now, but that's fine, for it's the ones who did remain that count. Our class was born on February 25, 1988, the Class of 1991. This class will hold a place in me always, and the memories I'll treasure forever. The time's been quick and the time's been long, and onward we've pressed, throught the "Ratline", academics, Ring Figure, and, now, graduation. We've earned it all Brother Rats! It's been an experience I shall never forget. "Rah Virginia Mil . . ."

Mom, Dad, Taylor, and Elizabeth, thanks for all the support. You're the best! Rhoda, there were times when your patience and understanding were a blessing. Thank you! Doug, four years, running the block, road trips, pizza and beer, it's been great! Ruf, ride the bull, and hang tight. Howis, Chris, & Rich, strain! Thanks, VMI, for a hell of an experience, and most of all, thanks, Brother Rats, forever. "91! 91! 91!"

Dykes: 1988 - Shaun "Red" Cantrell
1994 - Howie "She loves me" DiSavino

Brian T. Snider

Air Force - Civil Engineering

Sni-dawg, Goose

Cloverdale, Virginia

Religious Council 4, 3, 2, 1; Glee Club & Sentinels 2, 1; OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3; Volleyball 2; ASCE 1; Lieutenant 1; Corporal 3; Private 4, 2;

Dude! What happened to my hair? This was the first thing that ran through my mind before I went to sleep on August 19, 1987. Well, a whole boat load of things have happened since then to include breakout (Clark, I can't feel my fingers), the RING (Mom, can have a loan? - a big loan?), my engagement (Amy, I love you), and coming soon to a theater near you, graduation (See you there, Scooter!). Seriously though, I'd really like to thank all of those people who helped make it happen: Dad and Mom, Thanks for the prayers and the financial support; Matt, You've been the best roommate a guy could ever ask for (No Beets!); Gary, Best of luck in the USAF (Yo, bust those funky lyrics); Chris, Keep your chin in and your spirits up (Hold on to that pigskin); Col. Hammond, Thanks for opening your home to the guys and girls of the OCF (Can I have hay down?); and Amy, Thanks for being my best friend (Can I get that motorcycle yet?); and finally I thank the Lord for being with me every hour of every day.

Dykes: 1988 - W. Clark "Airborne" Barnes
1994 - Christopher Meacham

Joseph M. Sokolowski

Economics & Business - Army

Soko, Flounder, Sukonutski

Orlando, Florida

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Scuba Club 2, Pres 1; CadetStaff 2, 1; Summer school 5, 4, 3, 2, 1; BMA 1; Marshall road trip 3, 2, 1; Illegal car 4, 3, 2

Dad, are we there yet? What always seems like an eternity is gone before you know it. Especially for a long and bumby road that so few are fortunate enough to travel. Then you try to explain this voyage to your friends and family, but only these few who have taken the prescribed course will completely understand your experiences and most of all your feelings. If a challenge is unexplainable, then you know it is something special in its own way. The VMI challenge is this unexplainable that I can only share with my BR's, I would like to wish everyone of you guys the best of luck in the most difficult challenge yet, LIFE. There is one person that I would like to give a special thanks to for always being there, Wacky, we have been roommates since the beginning and we will always be roommates at heart. Thanks Mon & Dad for believing in me and for the support, especially financially. I love you both very much. Debbie, don't let Little Everett go through what his Uncle did. To my favorite party sister, Darlene, don't you dare bring Amber within 100 miles of this place, she will not be safe. Peace to everyone!

Dykes: 1988 - Brian P. Egloff
1994 - Jim "Yo Yo" Lavender
Bill "Rainman" Buckner

Matthew C. Sprouse

Navy - Computer Science & Math Double

Sprouser, Mouse, Indiana

Lovingston, Virginia

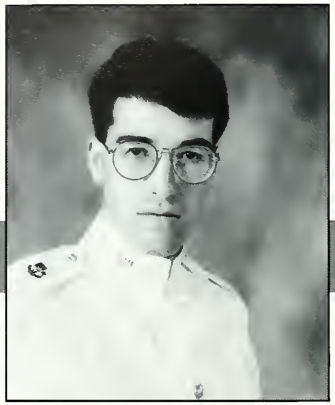
Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; OCF 3, 2, 1; BSU 4, 3; Private 4, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Nuke Power 1;

VMI, What is one supposed to think after 4 years? The first thing that comes to mind is ** FINISHED! ** First class year is upon me and I think about where it all went. I think of my parents and their support, of my fiancee, Karen (love you), who stuck by me though it all. Pat Keenan - who made the rat-line bearable, friends and brother rats - who gave until it hurt - and then some. Brian - the nut I roomed with for 4 years - may God bless all that you ever do! I owe much to you - I am eternally grateful!!! I think of the good things - BREAKOUT, RING FIGURE, NUKE POWER!! I think of Glee Club - thanks to "Coach" and "Ominous Deius" for the great times - always continue! Thanks to Chaplain, Col. Hammond, and Warren Hammonds for the spiritual guidance. Here's to the Nintendo Club, may we always win the game! The Spelunkers - the underground is at our command - Indiana Sprouse salutes you! to Booger - yo yo yo yo yo, s'appenin'?, Mike - keep it up! To God - for being there, To those who remain - my sympathies; to VMI - adios!!

Dykes: 1988 - Jay Scott Miller
1994 - Mike Rezabek

Brian Edward Stone

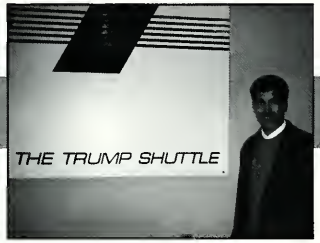
Air Force - International Studies



Stoner, Stonybrook, Beagle

Memphis, Tennessee

Pvt 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1, Religious Council 3, 2; International Relations club 2, 1; Roadrunners 2, 1; Imaginary Honors Society President 3, 2, 1; Simple Tool Society 1



Is it possible to both hate and love something at the same time. I hate this place for the way it can crush the hopes and dreams of a young man in a torrent of abuse when the system is misused. And I love it for the way it builds men when the system works fairly. This school produces the highest caliber of young men in the country, bar none. I am proud to claim the Institute as my own and myself as a member of the brotherhood. Special thanks to: Kyle - for getting me through the worst, Mike D. - for just being there to talk to, Jack and z - send me an invitation, my roommates - we survived, Edie and Laura L., J.D. and Julie - for making life and little brighter, Mike - you are my big brother, what more can I say, and Mom and Dad - without your love and support I would be nothing, I love you both.

Dykes: 1988 - Kyle Holtzman
1994 - Carter Baldwin

Charles Henry Story, Jr.

International Studies - USAF Special Student

Chuck, Chuckster, "C"

Lynchburg, Virginia

Club '50 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; IHT FP 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Photo Editor 2, 1; Bomb Editor 3, 2; Head Cadet Waiter 1; S-5 Counselor 2, 1; RDC Recorder 1

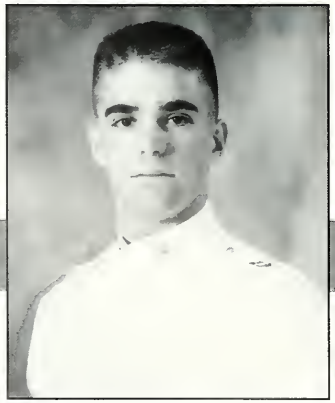
It seems like only yesterday that our company XO was telling a group of matriculants that four years here would go by very quickly. Well, now I find myself telling my Rats the same thing. Mom, Dad, Carter, Terry, Pam — I've finally done it, and I could not have done it without your undying support and understanding. VMI is a very screwed up place to attend school during the "prime of your life," but I am not sorry for choosing this school, and I'm proud of what I have done. Booga, Todd, Chris, Crank, Jon, Kevin Duff — living with and next to you guys for the last 4 years has been the greatest time of my life, and you guys have put up with more than your fair share of my shit over the course of our Cadetship, but for that I am grateful. Nix, Fatty, Drape, Charlie, Smitty, Hans, Fegs, Bucky, Rule, and anyone else I have shared a beer or a weekend with — thanks a lot, you have helped me get through this place. Betsy, our friendship has been one of the greatest things I have ever known, and for that I thank you.

"It ain't easy livin'..." — Jane's Addiction

Dykes: 1985 - Steve Barcik
1994 - Mike "Meads-Man!" Meads

Craig Hawley Streeter

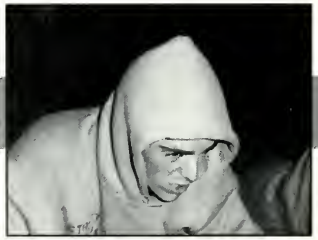
Marine Corps - History



Street, Streeter-Man, Stinky, Vanilla Ice

Fort Hood, Texas

Rat; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Capt 1; Reg. Band 4, 3, 2; Cadet Cartoonist 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Chairman; Semper Fi Soc. 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2; Bulldog Plt 2; RDC 1; Rat Line Planning Com. 1.



How does one sum up four years of memories at the Institute? It would be so easy for me to write that my cadetship here has been nothing but hardship and to say that I'm glad it's finally over- but it's not that simple. Rat year was bad, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. After the Ratline, I took from VMI a burning pride born in the fact that I knew I had endured something demanding. For me, however, Third class year provided the true test as I fought with demerits and the threat of suspension from the Institute I had learned to hate. (Ah, "Capt." Harbach . . .) With Second Class year came Ring Figure, and suddenly, things really didn't look so bad after all. Hell, what a ring! Now, as I look back, I must say that it's been one heck of a ride, and I think I'm ready to get off. To my Mom and Dad, thank you both for your loving support. To Rich, I love you chief, you kept me laughing when I needed it most. To Omar and Block, Semper Fi!. Lord God, Thank you for guiding me to the Institute to which I owe so much. Don't mess with Texas!

Dykes: 1988 - Steve "The Woman" Tuck
1994 - Paul "Bambi" Weyrauch

Charles A. Stringer

Mechanical Engineering - Special Student

Chuck, Bean, Stroke, Boo

Marion, Virginia

Honor Court 2, 1; B. R. of the year 4; Class Treasurer 3, 2; ASME 1; Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl. 1, Sgt. 2, Cdt. Cpt. 1

Well, I did it. When I left home on August 18, 1987, everyone laughed and said that they would see me back home shortly. Very few people believed that I could abandon my rebellious ways of my teenage life and yield to the disciplined ways of a mature young man. But I proved them all wrong. VMI has taught me a valuable lesson that I will never forget. It taught me to believe in myself and not to ride on the merits of others to achieve success. This is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life, and pass it on to anyone whom is willing to accept it.

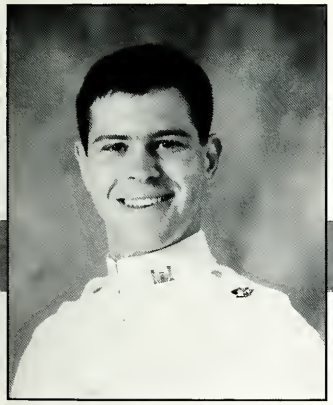
To all of the supporting members of my life: my dad, my mom, my step-mom, my step-dad, and my awesome grandparents. I wouldn't be here if it hadn't been for you. I will never forget all that you have done for me. I love you all.

And Amy, I wish you could have been with me all four years of VMI. Maybe I would still have a stomach. But the two years you have been with me have been GREAT. I promise you that we will make up for lost time. I LOVE YOU, MORE.

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Hoofnagle
1994 - Scott Townsend

Richard Chad Sutton

Civil Engineering - Air Force



Redneck, Selfdis, Coldfeet

Manassas, Virginia

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Ops. Sgt. 2, Reg. S-3 Lt. ASCE 1, New Cadet Training Cadre 3, 2, 1; Deans other List; VMI Roadrunners 3, 2, 1; Richmond Marathon 2; Cadet Assnt. 1

Changes! This is my summary of VMI.

I would like to thank my family for all of their love and support during my tour at the "I". Without this support and my father's good advice, the life of Chad as we know it, would be severely different. I would also like to give a special thanks to Maryjane who was always their when I needed her the most. I hope that someday I am able to repay these people at least half as much as they deserve. To the MEN of '91, my door is always open, you've made they stay more than worthwhile.

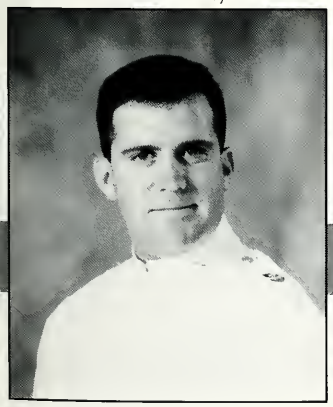
Hey Sink! Don't Do That! Never forget that Dr. Love is always at your disposal.

Chad

Dykes: 1988 - Hugh "Scred" Brien
1994 - Max "Headroom" Bullock

James A. Tavenner

Math - Army



Tav, Smokey, The Tav, Dot

Oaks, Pennsylvania

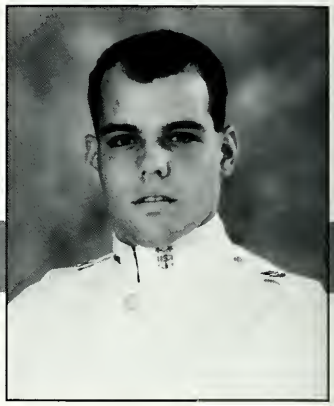
Rat 4, Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Reg S-6 1; Football 4, Baseball 4, 3, 2, Captain 1; Number One Club; Big Brother 1; Square Root Club 3; Johnny E Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1

Four years ago I went to the University of Pittsburg. My dad decided since I was having to much fun that it would be a good idea to attend VMI. Of course I accepted gladly at this incredible opportunity to excel in Mallory Hall. As I proceeded to be a "rocket scientist" as a math major I found other things to keep me occupied (like boosing, flunking out, number one etc.). Well Dad I made it. I know in the years to come I will always tease you, as you will to me, about our VMI experience. Overall it was a great one and I will never forget it. Dad I thank you for choosing VMI, because here at VMI I had the opportunities to do the things that I could have never done at Pitt. I played Baseball at a division 1 level, held rank, received a number 1, and much more. But most of all I was able to meet my fiancee soon to be wife. I must say that I love her very much. And yes Dear, I can't wait till June. Finally I'd like to thank my roommates for putting up with all my shit and my rats too. Joe, Paul, Matt, Ed, Harris you guys are my buddies and best friends for life.

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Thomas
1994 - Mark Phillips "Sparky"
Mark Hazelwood "Weed"

Charles A. Thompson

Civil Engineering - Navy



"Lat's", "Ugmo", "Nut":

Manassas, Virginia

Rat, Cpl, Sgt, Reg S-4 Lt, Private; Rat Training 4, 3, 2; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Pro 4; Rack Monster 4, 3, 2, 1; New Market Honor Guard 4, 3; Why? I don't know!.

Reflection= 4 Years, Pain, Agony and Torture. The tribulations of VMI. I'm finally here and proud to be! VMI has given me more than I can ever give back. The pride, honor, and respectability so desired by many but earned by few. Thank God for VMI!

Dad, Mom and Sis we made it through all of this together. Your help and support is second to none. Remember I did this for us and am proud to be you son and brother I love you all, once again THANKS!!!

Chad, thanks for all your help and advice, it made difference. You truly give meaning to the word Brother Rat. I hope we keep in touch. Friends forever!

Mike Bunch good luck in whatever endeavors you venture into. Rob "Jalbird" Johnson drive fast and keep a even glide slope and no fly by's. Jeff "persuasio n" Pence keep out of trouble and away from the law (unless your the lawyer!). To all of Club 141 roomies and dykes you guys made it great, you're the best.

Mark and George, I couldn't have asked for more, thanks and remember "VMI is what you make of it".

— — — God Save the Keep! - Trokee. — — —

Dykes: 1988 - Hugh Brien
1994 - Mark Cameron, George Brooke

Douglas L. Thompson

Special Student - Economics and Business

Fresh, Cowboy of Love, Lurch, Truckhead

North Tzewell, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Society of Young Exonomist 2; The Economics and Business Blub 1; Arnold Air Society 4; Depressed 3; Dean's list 3,1; Sink Dweller 1; Circle K 1.

I have waited 4 years to type this and wondering what I was going to say. I would like to start off with saying NO more living years in three week intervals, I am truly glad this 4 year abortion is over. Thank you Dad, Mom, Gary, Pete, Steve, and other family for your support and compassion. Each of you had confidence in me when I didn't have it in my self, and for that I am eternally grateful. I once said if I could step from rat year to graduation I would, but the experiences I have shared with my close friends will be forever with me. Gary, Pete, and Steve you all are the greatest friends a person could ever hope for much less have.

VMI is a breeding ground for Hypocrisy and Disallusionment, it seems impossible to me how any one can say that this school is the greatest and be suckerd into the alumni's view through rose colored glasses. This place is not to be taken at face value, but to be left open to the skeptical mind. It is cynicism and the ability to laugh and joke that keeps you sane.

Dykes: 1988 - R. Scott Richardson
1994 - William J. Neberding

Todd Locke Thompson

Navy - Economics/Business

PIP, Torch, Nipplehead, BT

Stone Mountain, Georgia

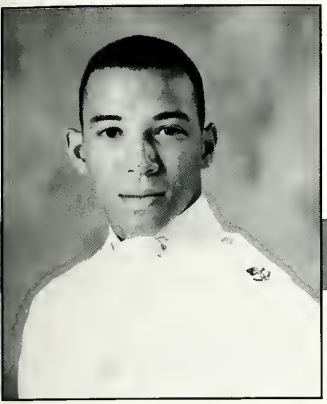
Honor Court, First Class Voting Member 1; Swimming Team 4; Water Polo 4, 3; TEBA 1; Trident Society 3; Corporal 3; Ops Sgt 2; Company XO 1.

When I started on this monumental project, I thought I would have plenty of time to formulate my great words of wisdom. But, as with all things here, the moment of truth has arrived faster than conceivably possible. I've thought about all the great friends I've made and about all the great times we've had. I've thought about all the things I would somehow miss when gone. I've thought about how a contentious 18 year old was groomed into a thoughtful and honorable man. Now, the night before this is due, I cannot explain what I feel. It is the same obtuse sensation associated with Breakout, Ringfigure, or the question,"Why did you come here?" What I can articulate are thanks to all my friends, roommates, and dykes for all the great times we've had and friendships we've created. Thanks to the "I" for the lessons distinctively learned. Thanks to all those back home who have encouraged me. But, most of all, Thanks to my parents. Without your sacrifice and support I would have never even come here, much less graduate. It has been tough, but well worth it. I hope I have made you proud. I love you both.

Dykes: 1988 - Rick "Crash" Donovan
1994 - Justin "Spaz" Sapp

Franklin Madison Thurston, Jr.

USMC - History



Dog, Tank

Richmond, Virginia

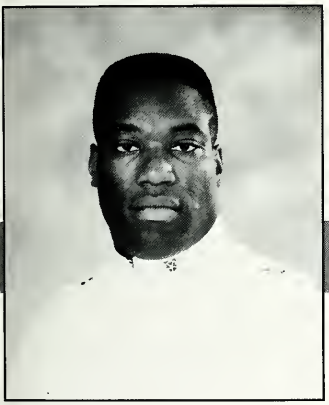
Platoon Commander; Charlie Company X.O.; 2nd Battalion X.O.

When I came here, I came with many expectations. Needless to say, things do not always happen the way one expects them to. But, I can say that I have learned a great deal from this place. I have learned a lot about people and a lot about myself. When I look back on my experience, I am very glad that I came here. God bless you all. SEMPER FI.

Dykes: 1988 - Raynard Lynch
1994 - Ryan "Super-Rat" Croley

D'anthony A. Tillery

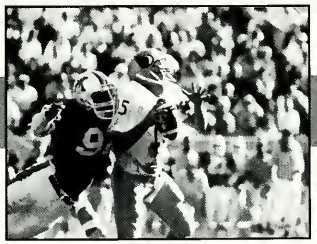
History - Army



Dap, The butt, Sleestack

Charlotte, North Carolina

Varsity Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Promaji Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer Promaji Club 2; President Promaji Club 1; Lt. Corp of Cadets 1; Member of BBA

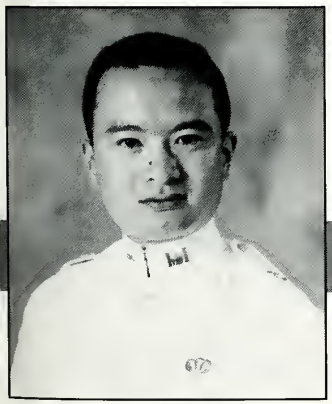


People, the time has come to say goodbye, so long and see you later. The experiences that I have had here at VMI have been memorable ones. I'll never forget the friendships that I have established over the years. Without Those friendships I Would have been nothing. To my Mother and Father; Its been a long time coming and I thank you two for your patience and guidance over the years. You two have been the string that held me together. I've never come out and said it before but thank you so much for everything that you have given me in my life. I love you both so much! To My closest friends; Buddah (Al Carter) Although we've only been really close for two years I think I've found a friend for lifetime. You're a Clown but you're my boy take care. Matt Metheny, Whats up cone head. Well buddy you have always been there when I needed you and If you ever need me I'll be there for you. You're a great friend and I wish you and Angie all the love in the world, cause without me you would never had met her! PEACE TO Eric H, Eric W, Charles S, Te, Wayne, Ray, Scales, Shawn, Curtis, Marcus, Tbatts, Tony D, and the rest of the Brothers!

Dykes: 1988 - KEVIN WASHINGTON
1994 - Butch (THE CHEST) Jennings
Travis (Where you at) Allie

Wai-Kin Tong

Mechanical Engineering - Army



Tigerman

Whitestone, New York

Cpl. 3, Ranger Platoon 3; Stonewall Light Infantry Plt. 1; VMI Engineering Society 1; Tau Beta Pi 1; American Society of Mechanical Engineers 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 2.

I never thought I was going to make it here. I never thought I was going to make it through the first week of cadre. It seems like only yesterday when I was still straining in the ratline. Now, I wear the ring and my time has arrived for me to take my place amoung the list of VMI men. My four years at VMI was like being in prison and it was only through the love of my parents and my brother that gave me the strength and courage to carry on. Thanks mom and dad for giving me the chance to come to VMI even though you were against it. I've learned a lot during my stay here. VMI made me a stronger and better man and taught me how to be the leader I always knew I could be.

I would also like to thank my rat roommate for being a special friend. Remember how we suffered through the Weiking terror together and comforted each other when we felt like quiting. Remember how we suffered through all the workouts and kept the other one going. Even though we parted ways because we had different interests, you will always be a special friend. So, thanks George!

Dykes: 1988 - Peter Watson Moore
1994 - Wei Chung

Kai Oscar Torkelson

Navy - Mechanical Engineering

Tork, Torky, Oskie

Mount Crawford, Virginia

Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Treasurer 1; Sentinels 3, 2, 1; Corporal 3; Sergeant/Ops 2; RGT S-3 1; Firefighter; Engineering Society 2, Treasurer 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Ac. distinguished 2.

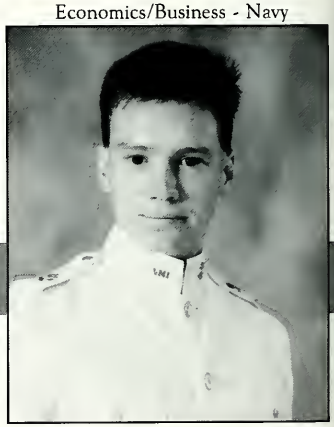
Four of the best years of my life. At high school graduation they weren't kidding when they said you've only just begun. Now I feel like I am at the beginning again but this time so much more prepared, yet I know there is still much to learn. VMI has been the greatest experience for me. The friendships that have bonded, the goals achieved, and the most valuable lessons one can learn is what VMI is all about. I never would have thought this four years ago. To think about it now even takes some concentration. To be so involved in the system all of the time, you get caught up and really have to make a conscious effort to sit back and see it in a different light, the opportunity we all have!

None of this would have been possible though, without my very special Mom and Dad, who provided me with all the love and support needed. Thanks John and Jim for good times to last forever - wait 'til Florida! Hang in there Ben - make the most of it!

Dykes: 1988 - Charley "Earl" Early
Tom Taylor
1994 - Benjamin B. Miller

Robert James Townend

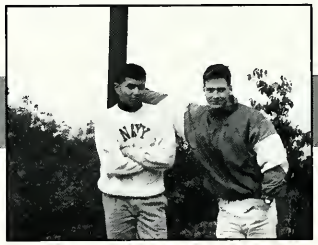
Economics/Business - Navy



Rockey

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Trident Society 4; Boxing 4, 3; Deans List 3; Bend-over Economics 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 2, (V. P.) 1; Big Brother Program 2, (Pres 1); 246 Alcohol Abuse Club 2



I once read on a bathroom wall: "When you get to the gates of hell, show them your VMI ring and get 4 years off." - this place is full of optimists. The place changes you, words in a yearbook can't do it justice. I'ts an experience, some of the best of times, and a lot of the worst all rolled into one. These past four years I've met some of the best: S. B., Sal, K. W., D. C., Kevin - you guys are tops, I hope I've leaned something from you all. To friends in the Gulf, be careful out there, stay safe.

Rats, keep working hard, and don't get an attitude Don't waste time hating the place, there's too much to do (and your already stuck here!)

To Eddie and the girls of Hollins College (sorry women) thanks for the speeding tickets and a memorable year. (Weekends may never be the same.)

Finally, Mom and Dad . . . you have put up with a lot, financially and otherwise. You never had to do this for me, but you did. I don't take it for granted. Much has been given to me so far in life, I know that much is expected now. I won't let you down.

Dykes: 1988 - Scott R. Baber
1994 - Pete Jensen aka. Chachi

Stephen W Tuck

International Studies - Navy

Zero, Grench, Trucker, Friar

Colonial Heights, Virginia

Cpl 3, Pvt 2, Lt. 1; Rat Training 2, 3; Trident Society 3, 2, 1; Summer School 3, 1; International Relations Club 3, 2, 1, Vice President 1;

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After almost four years it is hard to write an accurate summary of all that has occurred and all that I have learned while here at VMI. These past years have been the most tumultuous and the most routine years of my life. I know that I will carry the lessons I learned here with me the rest of my life and I know I'll carry the friendships I've made with me. I want to thank my parents for all of the opportunities you've given me and all the support I received it was a collective effort to get me through here I know. To the rest of my most numerous family, especially my Grandparents, thanks for all of the prayers, letters, and words of encouragement, it meant a lot. To the Roths I need to finally thank you for all of the weekends and time to get away that you gave me. To Joy thanks for putting up for four years with a cadet, I know it wasn't easy at times.

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Scott
1994 - Douglas Estes "Boo Boo"

Thank You, truly, for the memories. I cherish the thought that this school soon will be just that, a memory. But don't get me wrong, I am glad I had the opportunity to be a part of such a unique experience; it may even have been beneficial. I have met many great men here and have made some good friends whom I hope to see again. The ones who made all this possible keep popping into my head, my family, particularly my mother and father. I love you very much. And I am very gratefull for your unceasing love and the tremendous effort put forth to keep me here. To the geeks in Band Co. - I'll remember fondly our friendships and great times together. To the English majors - keep up the fight! To my roommates and other close ones - you know what's going down so I'll avoid the sap. To my dyke - do as I say, not as I do. It's not all that bad . . . It's almost good. But in the immortal words of Frank, "I did it myyy way."

Je pense, donc je suis.

Dykes: 1988 - James R. Ring
1994 - Herman "Mitch" Tibbals

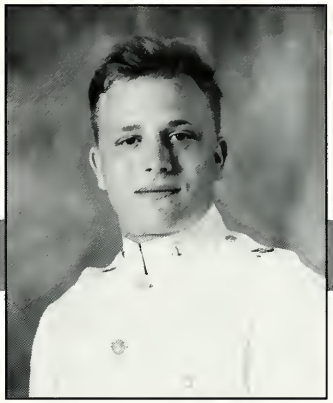
Christopher Gene Turner

Navy - English

Gene, Scabby, Sloth

Baltimore, Maryland

Reg. Band 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Pep Band 4, 3, 2; Timmons Music Society 3, 2, 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Rat 4; Cpl 3; Cadre 2; Pvt 1; Tobbacco Club 4, 3, 2, (addict-1); LeHi, Spanky's Reg.



Well, I'm sure it has been said before but it is worth repeating - IT HAS BEEN A LONG ROAD! The road started as a sharp downward spiral, then it became long and flat, next it rose toward a large monument and finally it will end with the sweetest reward. That in a nut shell sums up the VMI routine. I can hardly believe it is almost over. I was determined to make the road easy this last year but so far it has been stop and go. I know that in the end I will reach my goal nevertheless. When I finish and only then will I be able to answer the question that burns in your mind and the one that everyone asks "Why did I (you) come to VMI?" The answer will only come when I leave this place because then I will be able to look back with a true sense of appreciation. Only then will I be able to understand VMI's true worth.

Mom you are the best without question. I appreciate you and love you more than I ever mention. To my sisters and "family" thanks for your love. Finally, friends and roomies thanks for the great times

Dykes: 1988 - Eric D'Anna
1994 - Guy Farmer

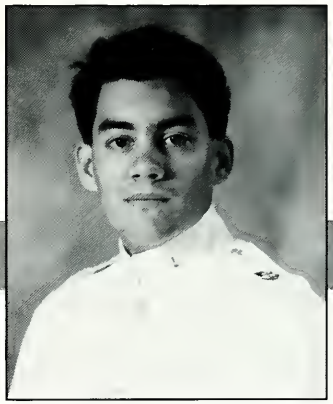
Gerardo Reyes Usi, Jr.

Economics/Business - Navy Special Student

Dis, Use, Ooze, UseMaster, Uzi

Drum Point, Maryland

Corporal 3; Boxing 4, 3; CRC 1, CWS - Rec Room Sup 2; Club 168, Club 400, Sharp Tongues Of The 70's 1, 2



When I came to VMI I felt as if I was looking for something. I did not know what it was at the time, and now I wonder if I have found it. Perhaps only time will tell. The most important thing that I have to show for these four years is not my ring or the diploma I should soon receive. I have been fortunate enough to have met and become friends with some of the best people I could imagine. Pat - We probably know each other better than anyone else. You are the only one who knew me well enough to drive me crazy. Good luck with everything. Mike - I never thought one of my best friends would be a dead head from Clifton Forge. Thanks for teaching me not to judge a book by its cover. Ed - Never forget all the talks and road trips. God Bless. The guys next door - Robo, Chuck and Lump, there has never been a dull moment. Mom and Dad - thanks for the continual support. I'll get you that boat. Court - You've seen it all. I will never be able to repay you for what you have meant to me. Anytime you need me, forever.

Dykes: 1988 - Paul C. Murray
1994 - Geof "Buckethead" Voorhees

Thomas Adams VanBenschoten

Army SS - Economics/Business

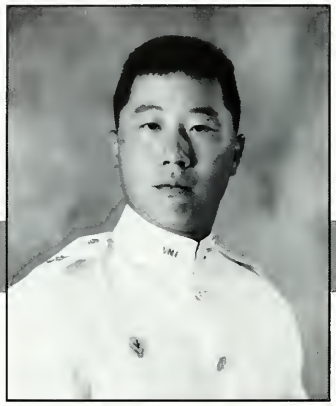
Scrotum, V-Man, Skotes

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Rat 4; Cpl (hah) 3; Pvt 2, 1; Bomb Staff 3; Sports Editor 2; Cadet Investment Group 1; Cadet Usher 1; Self-Righteous Indignation 3, 2, 1.

Chung-Sun Wang

Army - Int'l Studies French



Boomer, Boom, Eggy, Wanger

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

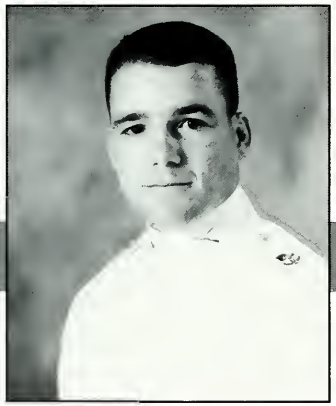
Intl Rel Club 4,3,2,1; Sec-Treas 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Cadet Btty 2,1' Intl Club 4,3,2,1; Veteran FTXer 2,1

So, now in about one hour I have to summarize the four longest years of my life, the four hardest years. Well, the first question always asked is, "Would you do it over?" "Hell, no!" "Would you trade away the experience for anything?" "Never!" At VMI, I have experienced the most poignant of sorrows and the most euphoric of joys. I have met the best and the worst of mankind. To those that have been VMI men, I now understand you. Those will be, I encourage you. Those that are "Suck it up." VMI would not have been what it was for me if not for Brother Rats. Thank you all for helping me up that hill, through that s**t eating year, through that ring, and onto that stage. To Steve and Walt and, spiritually, Marty, special thanks - you have seen me through my worst and best; I hope you're not disappointed in demi-gods. to Caj, thanks for being there, not just for your GSX. I'll be there with fire support anytime for you. And to Mom, your the best "BR" a cadet could have. And to all those non VMI people who hold criticism for all of us, I say "I WEAR THE RING! "

Dykes: 1988 - Scott Jones
1994 - Steve "Beaker" Volgyi

James Alan Wanovich

Army - Economics/Business



Jim, Wany, Jimbo

Roanoke, Virginia

Cpl 3; Color Cpl 3; Color Sgt 2; Plt Lt 1; Big Red 2, 1; VMI Roadrunner Marathoner 3, 2, 1; Boxing Asst. 3, 2, 1; Wrestling Asst. 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4; MNMB S-5 1.

"Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of perseverance. — C W Windle"

VMI has taught me the meaning of perseverance and the challenges of meeting adversity head on. Whether that adversity was met in the classroom or the twenty-third mile of the marathons, VMI pushed me to attain my goals with honor and pride. The road has not been an easy one, but one which I will never regret taking.

I probably couldn't have persevered without the friends who have been there throughout everything. John, J. T., Chris, thanks for putting up with me and always being there when I needed you. You guys have been like brothers to me. Finally, Thank you to my family for all your support. Bill '87 you led the way. Bob, thanks for the lay-overs at your place. Steve, we have grown closer through separation. Mom, I Love You. Dad, I hope that someday my children will love and respect me as I do you. You are the finest man I have ever met. BR's Dykes - Good Luck and Drive on!

"Be Satisfied with nothing but your best. Emerson"

Dykes: 1988 - Dan Young
1994 - C. J. DeBernard
Brent Helmick

Morris Patrick Warner

Army - History

Lil' Plenty

Lexington, Virginia

Wrestling 4; Rugby 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop + floor 3, 2, 1; Drug and Alcohol Committee; Big Red Club; semester sabbatical; Masters of Reality 4, 3, 2, 1; SMA; SSP; LMA.

It would be inconceivable to sum up my four years at the Institute in one short paragraph, but two things come to mind that helped me through these trying but memorable times. First of all it has been the friends that I have met along the way that has made this place bearable. Fellow Masters it was y'all that made my journey memorable. Together, we walked along the edge many times throughout our cadetship but we never fell. We came away with some of the best times that one can have while at V. M. I. along with many of the worst when we faltered upon that edge and wound up on confinement. I want to thank all of y'all for making me laugh during the difficult times and making the the good ones even better. Secondly, I want to thank you Mom and Dad for the never ending support and understanding to help me survive here. Dad, when you told me just to try it for a year to see what it is like you knew damn well that I would never quit once I made it through the rat line, but as you once told me "The toughest of times are often the best of times." Thanks again, I love you both.

Dykes: 1988 - Andrew Demaio
1994 - Neil Harrell

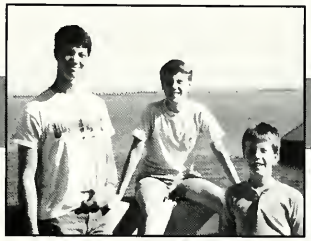
Christopher Todd Watkins

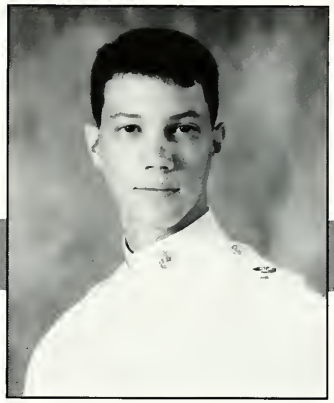
Marine Corps - English

Chris, Stretch, Stitch

Altamont, Illinois

Bugler 3, 2, 1; Firefighter 3, 2, 1; Band Co. 4, 3, 2, 1; Sounding Brass Editor 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Semper Fi Society 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Bulldog Plt. 3, 2; Denhead 3, 2, 1.





I was going to start my history with a quote from Michelangelo that says something to the effect of how hard he had to work to attain his alleged genius. I can't remember the quote so I won't. Anyways, thanks to God for everything. Thanks to my family for their undying love and support. Also, thanks to my roommates: Brad, Gary, Mike, Russ, Mike, and Chris. I've learned a lot from all of you. Thanks for being the people you are. I'm also indebted to the English department faculty for their hard work. James, I appreciate all your help. Hang in there Jim. Semper Fidelis.

Dykes: 1988 - James Jannusch
1994 - Jim Todd

Jonathan Thomas Watson

International Studies - Marine Corps Sch.

Slot, Slotman, Great Pumpkin

Fredericksburg, VA

Wrestling 4; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1;

Well, it's been a long haul, but it's almost over. I don't think I can ever begin to thank all those that have helped me survive this place. But, I thank all of my family, my Dyke Steve Morris, my friends at home, and all of my BR's and friends here at VMI. I have often been disheartened in this place, as well as at odds with many of my fellow cadets. But, I will always remember the good times as well as the bad. I thank the Marine Corps for its support in allowing me to redeem myself at the chance to achieve my lifelong goal, that of becoming a Marine Officer. For all my close friends, you know who you are, thanks! Remember the Great Pumpkin and the Wheels of Fire as the Old Corps when I had this place licked. I wish only the best for those that I have known. I only hope that I can continue to be acquainted in the professional world as well as the personal. To all of you who doubted me and were determined to see me fail, this Bud's for you! As for my cadetship, it is dedicated to the memory of my father John Watson and my brother Joshua Watson. My only regret being that they will not see me commissioned.

Dykes: 1988 - Steve Morris
1994 - Tim Silva

Jamie Howard Weist

Army - Civil Engineering

Crazy Coot, The Weisty One

Franklin, Virginia

Varsity Soccer 1; Indoor Soccer 4, 3, 2; ASCE 2, 1; Big Red Club 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt/Pvt 1; Hop & Floor 3, 2; Plug & Chug 1; Number 1 Club 4; M. E. Dungeon Dweller 4, 3, 2; Three Amigo's 1

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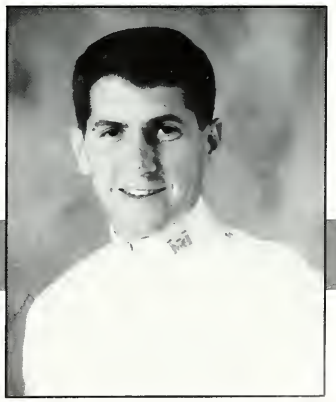


What's up BUD! There comes a time in a person's life, when he must look ahead and realize that the future is just around the corner, and that important decisions of reality must be considered. This is the process which led me to my decision of VMI as the initial path to follow. Now I have more decisions to make. I have to choose another path to follow. I feel as if I am fully capable of this and I owe that to the environment which VMI provided me.

I'd like to thank my roommates, Chet and Perks, for three outrageous years of constant bickering with each other. You guys have kept me rolling with the times. And don't worry Chet, Perks and I will visit you AlumniWeekend next year! I'd also like to thank my cuz, Roho, the fellas on the team, and my BR's who have helped me in times of need. You guys have been great. Mom and Dad, thanks for financing this strange adventure and putting up with me for 21 years. I owe you guys a lot. Michelle, you've made my last year wonderful. I don't know what I'd do without you. Well, later dude!

Dykes: 1988 - John "Zipperhead" Heslin
1991 - West Greene,
Sebastian Moureau

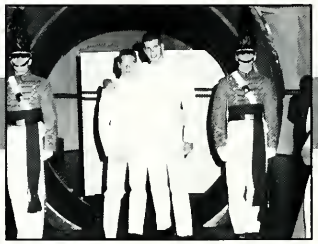
Heath E. Wells

Army - Civil Engineer

Scooby, Thumper

Vagrant, Virginia

Spirit Squad 4, 3, 2, 1; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Raped Private 3; conduct pro 2, 1; No. 1 Club 2; hmwhc 3, 2, 1; A'blow Club 2; Theatre 3, 2; Natl Guard 2, 1



Guard dyke, Number one club, Conduct probation, Bohica engineer, Kim Clarke, Corporal, Fireworks, Barracks confinement, Penalty tours, Cheering, . . .

Some things are better left unsaid.

Dykes: 1988 - Bobby Gardner
1994 - Daniel Acuff

Michael Brent Wertz

Economics/Business - Army

ECW, Yoda, Wertzman

Tampa, Florida

Rat 4, Cpl 3, Pvt 2, 1; Posit Commitee 3, 2, 1; Big Brother Little Brother 1; Varsity Baseball 4, 3; Pre-Law Society 2, 1; Road Runners 1; Big Red Club 3, 2; Special Student

It's finally over. I just want to Thank my Mom and Dad for everything. The four years of support emotionally and financially. I would like to Thank my roommates for putting up with me, especially Daniel and Jeff. Charlie and Carl only had to put up with me for a year. Good Luck to you guys in the future, I will miss all the late drunken nights we spent together.

Finally, Dad I would like to thank you for everything that you have given me. I finally made it, I can't believe it. So now when I look back it was not that long ago when I matriculated and now I graduating. I wouldn't trade the experiences for anything, but I would trade the bullshit.

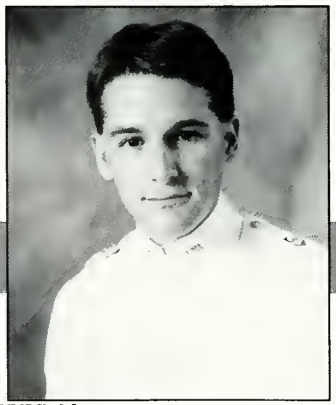
Matt "Knappy" Zenker, all I have to say is take care and keep in touch. It will not be that long before it is all over and you are sitting here typing this.

Mom, Dad, Heather and Dr. Monsour — I LOVE YOU ALL and would not have made it through VMI without your support. THANK YOU.

Dykes: 1988 - Bob Chaszar
1994 - Matt Zenker

Christopher A. West

Air Force SS - History



Chris

Gloucester Point, Virginia

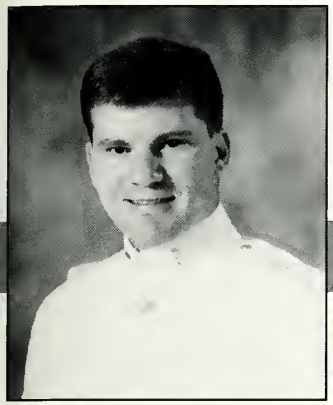
Arnold Air Society 4, 3; Intl. Relations Club 1; VMI Firefighters 1; Pvt. 4, 3, 1; Disciplinary Sabbatical 2; Normal College Student 2; JMU Commuter 1; Concourse Dweller 1.

My decision to come to VMI was not made by myself, but by both JMU & Va. Tech who turned me down back in 1987. I am now about to graduate from VMI, and to JMU & Tech I say thanks. I mean that sincerely, for now here else would I have true friends like the ones that I have now - Brother Rats. I have VMI to thank for that. I also thank VMI for taking that boy that my parents left in Cameron Hall back in '87 and turning him into a man. For the unending support, however, I have two people to thank, my Mother and Father - I will never forget the sacrifices you made and your love and encouragement. I also have to thank my grandparents, for they gave me support as well. Frank, Joe, George, A. J., Jon, & Mike - I will not forget the times we've had and we WILL keep in touch! Hey Franko, do you have change for a fifty, in nickels? George, you mock me. Joe, I have one thing to say - Rasta! Joe & Sponge, we had a good year, we spent it with A. J. N., male prostitute. Julie, I. L. Y. S. Finally, my quote comes from John Wayne: "Life's tough, but it's tougher if you're stupid!"

Dykes: 1988 - Eric Lassalle
1994 - Kurt Nitzsche

Lynn Allen Whitacre

Economics & Business - Navy



Line

Winchester, Virginia

Investment Club 1; Economics & Business Association 1; Varsity Wrestling Team 4, 3; Sargeant 2; VMI Usher 1; Complusive Complainer 4, 3, 2, 1; Academically Extinguished 4, 3, 2, 1

To say this place has been rough is just too much of an understatement. It sucked, bad. There are lots of times I never care to remember and there were times I'll never forget. I can understand why I came here but I'll never understand why I didn't leave. Maybe it's because of all the partying, the plethoric multitude of fine Bettys, and all those ever so exiting weekends in Lex Vegas. Michael, Jefe, and Rich, it was fun thrashing you time and time again. I think Club 86 unquestionably proved it's dominance. Todd (Mr. Corsair) you were a cool addition to our humble abode. That magic dust really came in handy. Jeff (Stallion), there are no two ways about it, you're a terror. You've probably shortened my life by about ten years but I wouldn't have wanted another dyke. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for everything. Well, that just leaves you Brian. It's been four long years and I couldn't have done it without you. We've been through the best of times and the worst of times together. I don't see how I could ever have a better friend. I could go on, but you know the deal. Here's to us. Let's do it up . . .

Dykes: 1988 - Sam Thorpe
1994 - Jeff Guild

Jeffrey Wayne White

Army SS - Economics/Business

Toast, Ralph, Tulip

Chesapeake, Virginia

RUGBY 4, 3, 2, 1; Captain 2, 1; Investment Group 2; Psuedo Ranker 3, 2, 1; Cond. Pro. 1; Big Brother, No. 1 Club, OG Hit Squad, Club 54, NBI, Stick Racing Champ, Canoe Racers.

When I first started to write this I wanted to say some thing funny. Now that I'm writing it I can't think of anything funny. My coming here and my leaving are both sad occasions. As most people say, I'm glad I did it, but I'd never do it again. I'll suffice to thank all the people who helped me through here. First I must thank God for granting me the capacity to do it. Next, my greatest appreciation goes to my family. Mon, Dad & Kelly, you're the reason I made it. Thanks for the encouragement and support. I love you. Norm, thanks for guarding my back all those times. GODAAFM. Mike, nothing exceeds like excess. Love yourself. Larry, you're still Crazy no matter what you say. Don't be a stRANGER. Jack, we have many good things to come. See you in the final lap next year in Richmond. Rugby Team, I would not have made it without you guys. Keep the tradition alive. To the 10%, or 3% or whatever it is now, thanks for the walk on the wild side, keep living on that edge. "What a long strange trip its been . . ."

Dykes: 1988 - Dave Williams
1994 - "Hot Rod" Hundley Taylor

Fred R. Wilhelm III

Navy - Economics and Business

Butterball, Scab,
Phil Atio, Cheese-boy

Palm Harbor, Florida

Wrestling 4, 3, 2; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; the "game" 4; the fellas 2, 1; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; TEBA 2, 1; Young College Republican 4, 3, 2, 1; Pi Row 2, 1; scabs 4, 3, 2, 1; hmwh 4.

What I'm graduating! Thank you Lord. Well, I guess I need to take some time to thank those special people. Cloyd, you taught me a lot about how to study and drink therefore I leave you a bottle. Andrew (Hugh) well we both know everything we've done and shared thus I'll leave you with a symbol of our partnership J. D. Dave (mike) you had a profound influence on my study habbits thus I'm leaving you a **magazine** and $1 to make into a million. Jeff, to you I bestow my legacy, may you have as much fun as I did. To the other dykes, study so you can come back. Dad, thanks for all your support and the money. Mom, I know how to drive. To that special someone: Amy I Love You. Grandma, thanks for the financial aid. To VMI, I leave the post in my rear view mirror. To the girls of Pi Row, thank you for all those wonderful times we shared the alcohol we drank and all the dances we shared. Laurel, thanks for being my sister. K. L., I hope you find that special person. Carolyn, I owe you for finding my ring. Thus, my time has come to an end. I'm outa here baby!

Dykes: 1988 - Cloyd Tavenner
1994 - Jeff Moore

There are so many people (40) in so many places (4 states) who deserve mention here, yet all will not fit. Sorry to the snubbed. To the men who made it comedy - Jon, don't ever lose your impressive wit and hurry up! Eric, you knew the score and someday you'll win. Nick, I hope you never conform. Stay Gold guys. Thanks Ted, come home soon. I'll never forget all of you.

To those who made it possible - Mom, Dad, Kay, and Russ, I love you all. Each of you has a special contribution to my achievements, and I can't thank you enough. Someday I will realize what you have given me. To the Schanke's and Heath's - when I grow up you can stay at my place! Thank you. And last yet as deserving, there is Sara. There was always Sara - and I hope there always will be. Through times good and bad, you never gave up - nor will I, I love you. To everybody who matters -

One year of crying, one year of hating,
one year of buying, then a year of contemplating
why I clung
to this Institute of dung.

Dykes: 1988 - Ted Wagner
1994 - "Home Team" Richardson, Clark Ward

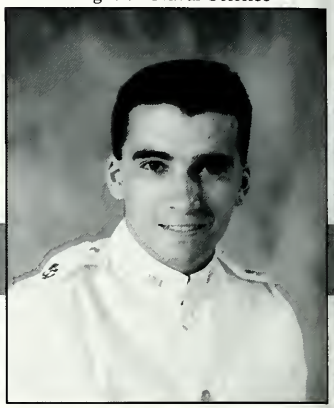
David Lucian Williams

English - Naval Science

Lucious

Pick 'em, USA (OR, VA, TX)

Track 4; Misplaced Corporal 3; "Cadet" staff 3, 2, 1, Editorial Editor 1; Clandestine car 3, 2; Sigma Delta 1; Belly 1; OGA 1; Ac. Pro 4, Ac. Stars 1.



Thunderpig . . . Club S-50 . . . I survived 225 . . . Running blind&%*# every other night as thirds . . . Alpha Bellies . . . road trips . . . Studying Nick, Why? I feel like doing nothing . . . Ken, fat lazy and stupid is no way to go through life . . . Chris, shut up! . . . slam sessions . . . What room is up at 3am? . . . Soupie, 4 and a half hours to Richmond, look at the engine . . . John only listens to the older New Kids . . . Dave, killer guard team . . . Suck it up for three more Bruce and stop whining . . . Tuuba . . . Its midnight Thursday, better go put the paper together . . . Mom? you're going out of town for three weeks, I don't think I'll go home . . . Nothing but the best, Milwaulkee's that is . . . Hours of pleasurable studying in 618NEB . . . Should have majored in the high school . . . The W&M road trip . . . Finally turning 21 . . . Water polo free weekends and unfeated seasons . . . They tarnished my ring by giving me rank . . . Thanks mom and dad, I couldn't have made it here without your support . . . VMI bites . . . I'm Wade Hampton Witham - and you suck!

Dykes: 1988 - Scott "Poncho" McCumber
1994 - Dave Bruce

Wade Hampton Witham

Navy - Civil Engineering

Pig Pen, Polar Bear, Animal

Richmond, Virginia

Water Polo 4, 3, 2; Swimming 4; Entertainment Editor, VMI Cadet 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; I survived 225 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1;

To Dad, Mom, David, Ann, and Mary Kay, "Thanks!" I appreciate all my family has done for me, especially my parents. Although I can never repay you, Mom and Dad, for all you have given me, but hopefully I can raise my family as well as you did yours. These last four years would have been impossible without your love and support.

As for VMI, I will not miss the place half as much as I will miss the true friends I have met while at VMI. Flip, we spent four years together, I will try to forget the work and remember the fun we had at the "I". James, "You big Stud you!" Too bad we were roomies for only one year, but at least it was the best of the four. Flip and James stay motivated and stay in touch forever. To all my the Room 174 Rats, you did a great job and one day will deserve rats as good as you were.

Finally I say good-bye to the "I", but the memories and friendships will endure. Again, "Thanks to my family, and I love you all."

Dykes: 1988 - Greg Hall
1994 - Travis McDaniel

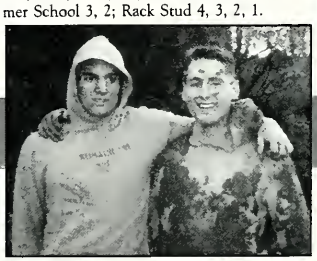
Patrick Andrew Womac

Army - Civil Engineering

666, Damian, Wooooooomaaack

Vinton, Virginia

Rat, CPL, SGT, LT, Roadrunners 2, 1; Summer School 3, 2; Rack Stud 4, 3, 2, 1.



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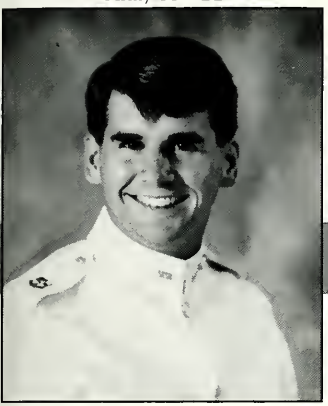
Army SS - EE



Jack, WOODY, WOOFN

Richmond, Virginia

4, 3, 2, 1 Tennis, 1 Captain, 3, 2, 1 Monogram Club, 1 President, 3, 2, 1 Club 5, 4, 2 Ac. Pro., DEans List, 3, 2, 1 LS Club, 3 Cpl., 1 Lt., 3, 2, 1 FLRT.

Four long hard years, it's difficult to believe that it is over. So many good times & a couple of bad ones, oh well live and learn. If I had to do it over again, I probably wouldn't, but if I did I wouldn't change a thing. To my roommates: Jeff, at least a bank can't put you on Conduct pro.; Mike, try to keep the wall clean; Larry don't be a stRANGER; Norm, see ya in Margaritaville. Guys thanks for a great year.

Thanks Mom, Dad, and Suzanne, I could have never made this long journey without ya'll. Charlotte, I hope the next summer is as much fun as the last one. Erik, Cliff, Squirrel and Peter see if you can do somthing with that tennis team. Good Luck! Coach don't worry, be happy.

Well I hope the next four years are better than the past four, I know they can't get any worse.

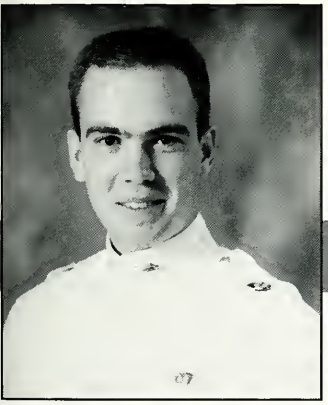
In a while, crocodile,

Jack

Dykes: 1988 - Scott "Skippy" Davila
1994 - Peter "Psycho" Lawrence

evin Graham Woodside

History - Army



Woody, Grah, Nervin, Batman

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Cpl 3; Pvt 4, 2, 1; Deans List 2; Deans Other-List 4; AUSA 3, 2, 1; Pre Law Society 2, 1; ROTC Advance Camp; Airborne School; Collect Call Club 4, 3, 2, 1, Canterbury Club 4, 3, 2, 1.

In a lot of ways it feels like I have been at VMI all my life. It seems hard to remember a time when I wasn't wearing gray. During my time at VMI I have had a few disappointments, but no real regrets. Strangely enough I feel that I was very fortunate to have come to this prison in the hills of Virginia.

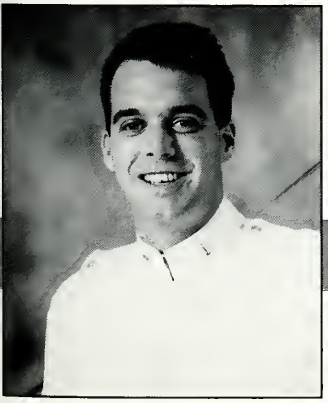
In a lot of way I am not the same person I was when I came here four years ago. As I look back, as well as ahead to the future, I realize that I am no longer a child, but a man. I know after the last four years that there is nothing I can't accomplish as long as I put my mind to it and give it my all.

In my time at VMI I owe so much to my BR's and so many others. I owe Ed for his patience and his friendship (even though you forced me to drink) and I owe the Edmonds more than I can ever hope to repay (Rose and Tibor, In my rat year and in the time since you have been the dearest of friends). The two people I owe everything to are Mom and Dad. Without them, their love, and their constant support I would never have made it. "I love you Mom and Dad. You made all the difference".

Dykes: 1988 - Edgar "sorry typo" Page
1994 - Nephews: Beggs, Rees, Ha.

Chris Wyatt

Navy SS - English



The Renaissance Man, Earp

Wytheville, Virginia

Rat, Aco Virgin PVT 3, 2, 1; Entertainment Editor 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 1; Illegal Car Club 4, 3, 2; OCMNI Roulette 4, 3, 2, 1; Sabbatical 2; Sigma Delta 1; U.Va. 4, 3, 2, 1; RM 427 Code

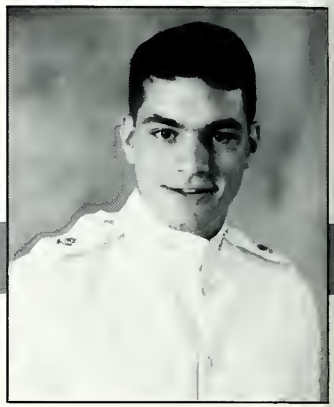
Well, I love it and I hate it. Some of the things there I don't like at all, but I was born there and that's my home, and I will still defend it even if I hate it. William Faulkner. "When life becomes difficult, just drop your pants and slide on the ice," Chris Wyatt, August 1987.

Thanks to my father and mother, who made this all possible, and my rat girlfriend who is now a 1st class girlfriend in more ways than one. I love you all! Thanks, also to the members of the classes of '88 and '89 whos guidance and inspiration kept me going in times of deepest peril. Now it's time for a cold one! See you all on the flip side! God Bless us all!

Dykes: 1988 - Frank W. Charlonis
1994 - Nelson Pendleton

Douglas Allen Yeabower

Navy Special Student - Civil Engineering



Yee-Haw, Calvin, Doug E. Fresh, Holmes

Front Royal, Virginia

F-Troop 4,3,2, (1); Track 4,3,2; S.S. Vet; BSTS 4,3,2,1; Pvt. 4,3,2; S-5 Lt. 1; Indoor Track 4,3,2; Circle K 1; $0.47 Draft Club; X-Country 2; Col. Monsour Slave; Club 81.

What am I doing here? "Insanity," you say? This may be the case. I still find myself pondering my existence at this place. My time here at the institution has been long and hard felt. If I had the chance to do it all over I'm not sure you'd be reading this right now. I don't think I've ever laughed so much in my entire life. This place is truly insane and filled with truly insane people. But, those are the same people who have made life here a little more bearable. I need to thank the "Man Upstairs", I've done an awful lot of talking to him. Mom, Rob, Julie, and John, thanks for believing. To the "Boys Upstairs", you guys are nuts and I'll see ya next year! To the Mercuro's, thanks for the support. Ging, thanks for everything. Finally, to the roomies, Ruf and Bill, we have survived some intense situations. You guys are great. Clark, GET IN! Howie! ON YOUR FACE! Valenti, get OUT! Rufus, ride the Bull!!! VMI you've given me something I couldn't obtain anywhere else, but I'm still not going to say "thank you." Hey Jim, check out the buzzards . . . Bofe uvum!

Dykes: 1988 - Greg L. Conner
1994 - Chris "Peace Dude" Valenti

Hsiao-pin Yu

Computer Science -Navy

Dickhead

Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C.

Private, International Club, Dean's List 4, Academic stars 3,2

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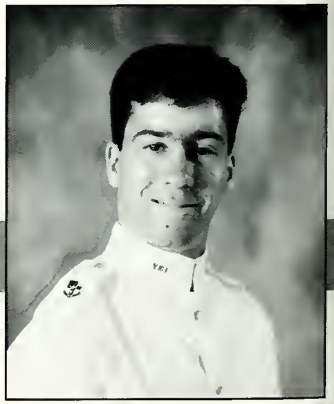
Thank you, the Republic of China Navy.
Thank you, Admiral Ku, CDR Shia, LT CDR Tan, LT CDR Lee and all the officers who helped me and taught me.
Thank you, Mrs. Yian, Mrs. Chou, and all my teachers.
Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Jiang.
Thank you, my families; especially you, Mary.
Thank you, my buddy, Chen Fong-lin.
I have to say thank you to so many people that I can not list all of the names, but I hope you all know that I really appreciate what you have done for me, thank you all.

Dykes: 1988 - Ted Wallenthin
1994 - Jason Thomas

Matthew John Zahorsky

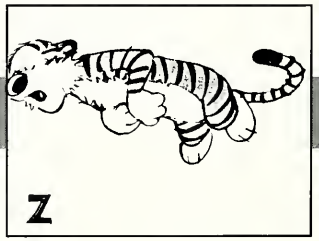
Civil Engineer - Army SS Corps



Zee, Zman, Zay-Dog, Dog

Allenwood, New Jersey

Cpl 3; Roadrunners 3,2, President 1; Birds of Prey 2,1; Aquarium Club 1; Bomb Photographer 2,1.



Well, it's been a long four years. I owe a lot of people for making it through this place. I could not have asked for better, more loving, caring, and supportive parents. I owe most of my success to them and the way they raised me. I love you Mom and Dad, thank you. VMI is a strange place, as they say, it's a great place to be from. It sucks being here, but the changes in my life that happened here are incredible. I thank the Lord for the strength he has given me and for entering my life. To my roommates, Crow and Beat, took awhile to find people I could live with without killing, thanks fellas, but this isn't the end of our friendship. Many good times have happened, but there will be more to come. Tony, fellow bird of prey, thank you for the special friendship, the late night talks, and someone to look up to. There are many others but to mention a few Brian Mic, the Heeb, Derf. G'day and God bless

Dykes: 1988 - Ted Comeau
1994 - Scott Hanly

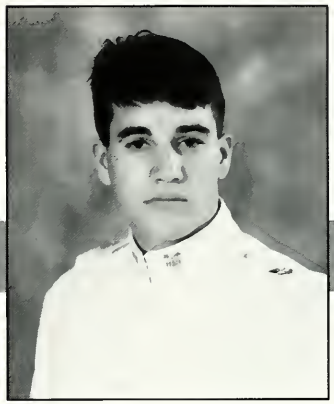
Jeffrey Todd Pence

History/English -"Non-Selectee"

Hey Pence, JT, Doberman Pencer

Midlothian, Virginia

Cynical and stupid 4; many cynical and stupid things that almost got me ousted 3; more of same & found a big ring 2; found my mind, woke up, realized my stupidity, left 1;



Diagnosis: Fetus in dark, four-walled womb, kicking! Screaming mad for four years . . . Heir Dr. Knapp! Scalpel please! - Ahh. Yes. Finally, finally light.

And so I, Fetus, finally given speech to note some closing thoughts! No. Beginning thoughts! And so I'm slapped and given a diploma. - Regurgitated, graduated, aborted from Mother "I". Conceived? Bastard-born of VMI propaganda - an idiot ready "You may . . . whatever you resolve to be" in a high school algebra class! So young, cynical, so unwillingly at first! Now, tainted with VMI spirit, ready to baptise the "real" world! Te absolvo! With anachronism I stain you! Cut me. Cut. And I am born. Indeed, others before me may write how long and painful this "operation" - birth if you will . . . really was. Stop the whimper! We'll all run out of diapers soon. And have to fend for ourselves! And then what? Prefatory seriousness . . . Mom and Dad I thank you. I love you. You two have given, given all and more. I owe you everything in life. R.J, M.B, & Chuck replacing "Charles"; success/happiness in the near and always. To Herb and John; play with "ORER" and those who kiss it.

Dykes: 1988 - Mark Moss
1994 - John Paul Goode "JP"
Herb Parsons "Pit-Bull"

Guillermo Alberto Canedo

Int. Studies/French - USMC

Billy. Spic. Bilbo. Frenchie.

Bedford, Virginia (Bolivia!)

Pre-law Society 3; Timmins Music Society 3; Internatl Club 2; Internatl Relations Club 2; S-5 Tour Guide 4; Volunteer Fire fighter 2; Cpl; Sgt; Cdt Capt; Bttn S-5 Lt.

As I look back on my experiences, I see the faces of all those who contributed to the memories I formed of this crazy place we call VMI. How naive I was that morning of matriculation not so long ago. How thankful I'll be upon graduation! I came with the intent of discovering my capabilities. Hoping to learn while playing soldier. I received so much more than I bargained for. Four years I gave tours of VMI. I was, and remain, so proud of this place, what I was going through, and the fantastic people I was associated with. Tom H-think before you leap. John S.-don't forget to come up 4 air. We make a good team. Jim D.-success' way. Kai T.-buble-brain. Evan HashB.-Academic hua, choose a career. Boomer-always fight. FAMILY and friends-THANK YOU. If our careers and time separate us, I'll always remember.

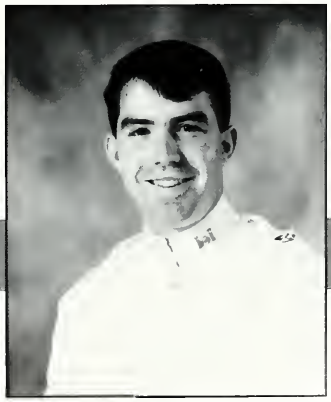
Dykes: 1988 - John Gillespie

David Ralph Stanley

Tool, Chipmonk, Redneck

Ashland, Virginia

Cross Country 4, Indoor Track 4, Roadrunners 1, Scuba 1, Private 4321, GOWBC 4321, Pro 432, Akademic leave 2.



I have made many wrong turns over the past 22 years and I have always been guided back on track because of the love my mom and dad have for me. Both of my parents have made many sacrifices for me and I only hope I have become the son they wanted. I love you Mom and Dad!! P.S. Don't expect any refunds after graduation, Ha!! Frances...Thank you for being my sister, like I had a choice in the matter. You have always been there to protect me and look out for me. I love you too!! Grandma and Pops, Thank you for the use of your home in time of need, Your hospitality, Love, and the many hunting experiences. I only wish great grandma could have seen me graduate. To all of my roommates over the years..Razor, 2 bear, Bob, Woman, little G...Thanks for all of our experiences together. I wish you all the best! Also thanks to Mr. Miller for your help at times. Dan Delawyer..You had better make it! To all of my friends..Keep in touch!! I saved the best for last RENEY...you have touched my life in a way no one could. I love you. I know the rest of our lives will be happy and blessed. Thank you GOD!! Farwell VMI!! FIDO!!

Dykes: 1987 - Cliff Bunn
1993 - Dan Delaywer

Five-Year Men

Some of us are here for academic reasons, and then there are those here amongst the crowd returning from furloughs administered with extreme malice by puzzle palace. Although we are not all of the same class we are all Old Corps. For Various reasons we carry the prestige of being five-year men. We are those faceless men of the Corps who accept the regulations with somewhat less than enthusiasm after returning from the Real World. Alas, we are about to escape this black hole and enter the real world again, but for good this time. Mother "I"—thanks for the good times, but you'll be hard pressed to find one amongst us to disagree that you look much better in the rear view mirror.

Robert L. Chenery, Jr.

Navy SS-History

Chip, Chenerrat, S — bag, Horse

Chesapeake, Virginia

Pvt. 4,3,1; Sgt. 2; Knight Of The Order Of St. Richard 2, Midnight Rider 2; RDC 1; Supt.'s Vacation Cruise Director 1; Concorsican 1; Taft Room Study Crew . . . Beatnik 2; BVD Burner

Never make a mistake that you're not willing to pay for . . . unless you can make it look like someone else did it. In my case, I got nailed. During my tenure as a civilian, I got a chance to see what this place looks like from the outside. I still think it looks impressive. From the inside, as every past or present cadet knows, the place looks like a dump. Even in a dump can one find a treasure. The things that I will always value from my somewhat drawn out and very irritating experience at VMI are that one . . . Elvis is really dead . . . two . . . never ever ever try to drink a beer upside down and three . . . the boys that I grew into men with a few years ago are among the finest in the world. I regret only a few things and that is more than a lot of people can or would say. Even so, I hope I will leave in December with enough like for this place left to make a small contribution. Roommates and B.R.'s and friends, rest assured that you will be remembered by at least one. Dale Hybl, enjoy my stories and pay attention, you'll learn. RLC2

Dykes: 1987 - Hugh Bettendorf
1994 - Dale "squarehead" Hybl

Benjamin Beers Dawson

Army - Biology (B.A.)

BOO

Alexandria, Virginia

Rat Training Cadre 2,1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; Big Brother - Little Brother 2,1; CADET Staff 1; Rugby 4,3; Cpl 3, Commandant's Furlough 87-88 ?! Number 1 Club

I would like to start by thanking my parents for giving me the opportunity to develop myself at the Institute. In particular, I am thankful that you stuck by me when I wandered off course. I hope that I have made you all proud of the type of man I am today. I am certain that had I not returned to the Institute I would look back on my life, years from now, with many regrets. Thank you again. Roy Aycock, I doubt that I will ever meet a more loyal man than you. You know that I consider our friendship priceless. Coleman, Tom, and J.P., thanks for the many good times. Redbone, Wade, Frank, Wild Bill Coleman, Dave H., Dave M., and Winn; you all have treated me as a classmate and friend and I am grateful. A cold beer and an old T-shirt or sock will always welcome you at my door. These people have made a great impact on my education at VMI. Major Baur, Col. Wingfield, Major Wilcockson, Tom Reiman '88', Marc Moquin '86', John Nolan '87', Darryl Agee '86'. The trip is almost over. I have few regrets concerning my cadetship, had I taken the normal route I would have not learned nearly as much. !Entonces!!

Dykes: -'86 Jon "Roy" Aycock
1993 - Mike "the dyke" Wright

Kevin Weedon Gallagher

Army - Civil Engineering

Worm-Body, Sleepy, Rip

Wheaton, Maryland

Cdt Bat 3,2,1B, Ranger Pit 2, Yng Rep 3,2, VMI Firefighters 2,1B, ASCE 4,3,2,1B, Tac Hole Cocktail Club 1A, Superintendents Furlough 1A, 90 in Exile 1B, Unat Elec Ap 3,2,1B

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I couldn't begin my first class history any other way than thanking those responsible for the opportunity to write one. Without the selfless and unwaivering support of my FAMILY, I couldn't have make it through the rat-line let alone to graduation. For your love I will never be able to thank you enough. Though I didn't always deserve it, your support was my shield in the Valley of Darkness. To all of you, I owe my Success.

My only regret is not having had finished with the guys with which I began. I lost part of my soul that day & I know that I'll never get it back. But, you guys stayed with me. Francis, you phsyco-jarhead, you're the most dependable man that I know. You watch my back & I'll watch yours! T-Square, you can run but you can't hide, B.R.! Mikie, you're a hick, but a wild man after dark. Facts, what can I say? I'd wish you luck, but you don't need it. You've got the attitude to excell. We were the last of the old corps rats. Rich, Rich (bad attitude), & Ron, thanks for greesing the tracks & good luck. VMI, despite the endless BOHICA, you taught me to FIDO. Thanks for the pain. Thanks for the joy.

Dykes: 1987 - Dan the Man Hall
1994 - Late Night, English

Graham R. Hatcher

Civilian Corps - History/Fine Arts Minor

Hatch, Bowlingballhead, Crack

Lynchburg, Va.

Rugby Club 4,3; Estell's Club 4,3; Martial Arts Club 1; Timmings Music Society 1; English Film Society 1.

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I showed up and had great fun for six months They let me have a radio and a stripe. I was such a scholar they wanted me to study somewhere else. After learning a bit about the books and life on the streets I decided to return. Now I'm here with my Dykes and Grandykes. I'm glad they did away with mandatory commisioning, I want a career, not an adventure. This place had not really changed since I left; I doubt it will have changed when I come back in about a million years. See ya.

Dykes: 1985 - Chuck McCarthy
1994 - Matt Camfield

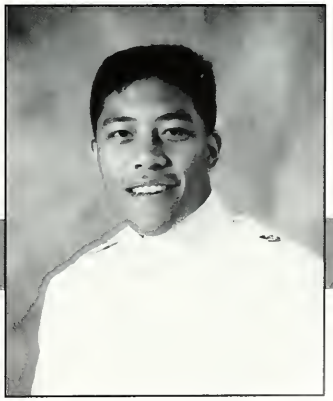
Ramil B. Ibanez

Navy Econ

Flip Karch Tricky

Charleston, South Carolina

Track 4,3 Football 4 Glee Club 4,3,2,1 Sentinels 3,2,1 Volleyball 2,1 Trident Society 3,2 Investment Club 3,2 Private 4,3,2,1



As I look upon my 5 plus years at the institute many thoughts come to mind. Was I crazy? Was I mad? Well, yes and no. I have never (well almost never) regretted my coming here. Through it all I must first thank my parents. Mom and Dad, I know at times you never thought I would make it, and now as the day soon comes I thank you with all my heart. You always knew what I didn't, that I had what it takes to make it. Secondly, John, hopefully I'll be joining you out in San Diego, if not you will remain my best friend.—Ron, Joey, Vince, Rufino, the BBC lives on! Betsy, Lyn, love you like my own sisters (if I had any!) Rich, lil bro, forget the Academy, be a man and come to the institute. Lastly but never least, Joane honey, thank you for pushing me the way you have, times have been bleak but you always managed to shine through. I love you and I'm looking forward to spending the rest of my life with you.— To all those I have somehow forgotten, I am truly sorry. I assure you, it was not intentional. Your support in whatever shape or form was greatly appreciated.

Dykes: 1987 - Lek Narmwongwan
1993 - Mike Herrman

Brian M. Loughrey

History - Special Student

"Pig"

Glen Ellyn, Illinois

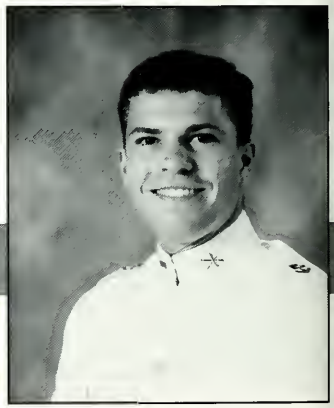
Virgin Pvt. 1,3,4; Academically Undistinguished 1,3,4; Bohica 1,3,4; Dean's Other List 1,3,4; Alpha Belly 1; VMI Tolerator Club; VMI Lax. 3.

I would like to thank all of those close to me for supporting me as well as putting up with me while at the "I". Also, thanks to my dykes who mentally scarred me for life. My three years at the institute (forced sabbatical) were as enlightening as they were boring. This was an experience I wouldn't repeat or had done in the first place if I had known better. Still, I am glad to have this under my belt. This experience has changed me forever and is something that will help me only to succeed in the future. Help received.

Dykes: 1986 - Mark Thompson
1994 - Tom Petroski

Kelly Glenn Musick

Army A.D.A. Economics



Spunky, Rat Musick

Smithfield, Virginia

4-Burner O' De Xmas Tree, OCF, Hop & Floor, Rat; 3-Cpl., Dean's Other List, TCFC, RING FIGURE COMMITTEE, The Bomb; 2-AUSA V.P., Hope & Floor, OCF; 1-Absent B.R.Club, Lt., Civilian, Drunk OG

When I was accepted to VMI one of my teachers told me I would never make it. Well, I'm graduating and she's dead. Guess who won? Anyway, this horrible place has shown me all kinds of mean, nasty and ugly things, right Arlo? Thank God I was blessed with a great dyke. Bung, you are a friend for life. Man-cub, I hope my advice and antics helped to teach you how to take this asylum for the next four years. Hang in there.

Well, now for the thanks. Folks, you've been great. There is no way to repay you. Thank you so much. Friends to name a few: Spear, Chip, Johnny A. and the others that are missed but not mentioned. Thanks for the memories and those I can't remember. You are friends forever. Finally, I thank God for him granting me a sense of hilarity for the times when this place became too much. In the words of Mr. James Buffet, "Some of it's magic and some of it's tragic, but it's been a good life the whole way." - Good-bye VMI

Richard L. Neff II

Computer Science - Air Force

EEEEE!, Psycho, Nerf

Staunton, Virginia

VMI Pistol Team 3,2,1; Manager 3,2; Captain 1; Private 4,3,2,1; Militara club 3; Sinks Dweller 4; Armie Attack Squad between 2 & 1; JMU Student between 2 & 1; 1990 forever

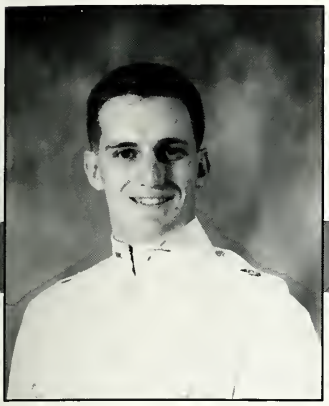
Thank God! After being stuck in this place for far too long, It is about time to leave this "humble abode" (More like Hell.) Somehow, I made it through and I feel I have a lot of people to thank (or insult.)

First, to my parents have helped me make it by sending tons of food to feed me, my roommates, and sometimes my dyke: Thank you for your love and support. To my brother Sean, I really enjoyed those "exciting" triangle parties at Tech. To my sister Michelle, thanks (maybe) for the letters you have always sent (usually in obnoxious colors.) To Mike Ailer, MOB RULZ. Smeve, EEEEE!!! Greenway and Peck, thanks for being pretty cool rat roommates. To Tracy and Rachel, thanks. To Dave Rost, the best roommate that I had for the shortest amount of time. Kovacsy and Slobber, sucks for you . . . 3 more to go. Pedigo, um . . . no seriously. And finally to the only roommate that I had for 2 years (seemed longer than that) Mavor, thanks for being one of the best roommates while I was trapped here. The computer says I'm running out of room, so, to everyone I missed: Thanks.

Dykes: 1987 - John H. Nolan
1994 - Derek Kovacsy, Mike Slover

Steven H. Nezas

Army S.S. - Economics



Wild Man, Satchmo

East Hampton, Connecticut

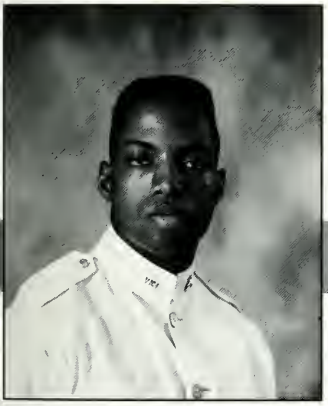
Pvt 3, Ops. Sgt 2, Lt. 1, Pvt 1/2, Band 4,3,2,1,1/2 Bugler 3,2,1/2, Dean's Other List 4,3,2,1,1/2, Parade Deck 500 2,1,1/2, Club 92 3,2, Club 35 1, Club 48 1/2, TEBA 1.

Well, on August 21, 1985 I was introduced to this healthful and pleasant abode. That was about six years ago. I can safely say that I have had my fill, I figure that it's about time to move on. I can say one thing for certain. The friends that I have made here are some of the best guys in the world. To my past roommates Gary Bissell '89, John Butler '86, Steve Barcik '85, even though you may never read this, thanks for all of the great times we've had . . . and there were many. To the guys that I have lived with for the past year and a half Scotty, Dan, Tate, and Rich, well, words cannot describe the good times we've shared. Through the good times and the bad, you guys were always there. Thank you. To my family, I know there were some hairy times when it looked as though I may have wasted my time here. I'm glad I didn't let you down. Thank you for all of your love and support. Jackie, you know I wouldn't forget you. Thanks for all of your love and encouragement. It really meant more than you know. To the "Shark" . . . get ready cause we're outta here.

Dykes: 1986 - Ed Darby
1994 - Sean Rafferty

Donald C. Roberts

Economics - Army



John Holmes, Diznak,16

Petersburg, Virginia

Corporal 3; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Boxing Team 3,2,1; Economics and Business Club 1; Fall Baseball 4; Suspended 2; Class of "90" forever; Cyndi's Allstar 2,1.

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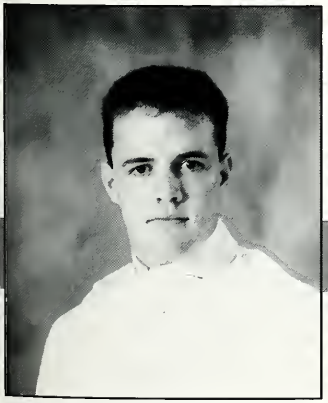
Thank God this is over! As much as I hate this place I respect some of its values. Although I will receive the praise for graduating my parent's hard work, determination, and guidance enabled to complete my mission. Thanks mom, dad and especially Darrell for providing a positive role model and Jaiseman for inspiring me. When a family pulls together they can accomplish any task.

Chuck, Tray, Erroll, Tone, Frank, and Turtle I know we have been roomies and friends for a while but you all need to wash your feet. Cyndi I love you and you are my best friend. Words can not express what you have added to my life. MC, Keith, Mac, Tracy, Brian and Rob Thanks. Terry, Shawn and Sam good luck. Chad stay strong but control your damn temper. Hatch remember what we've been through. Dad I love you even though I have never said it. I know you love me. I will be able to fill your shoes one day. Mom you Jazzy and Cyndi mean the world to me. CE,TM,EM its time to slip off. Cyndi I have a ? for U. Get this 16 — inter-galactic shoe horn you fortified muscrat head —

Dykes: 1987 - Bobby Blackwell
1994 - Damom Richardson

William Holbrook Rusher

History - Special Student



Slug, Guns, Steakhead, Trapz

Richmond, Virginia

Private 4,3,2,1; Football 4; English Society; PreLaw Society; VCU Club; SlugMaster 4,3,2,1; HeemanWomanHaters 2; Party Animal 4,3,2,1

Well, I am finally going to graduate from this prison that most people call a school. It has been a very long process that better be worth it in the long run or some recruiters should be shot. I probably should have gone to Florida for college but once I chose VMI I had to finish. Mom and Dad, you supported me through all of the good times and the many bad ones. Dad, you probably deserve this degree more than I do because of all my sh_t that you put up with over the years. I also give a special thanks to all of my roommates who somehow put up with all of my crazy escapades. I would like to drink a toast to Matt, Nord, Gheene, Frank, Ship, and my fellow slugs in room 146; Steve, Mike, and Shane. I think this place has made me a better person or at least my parents think it has done so. Sunday night wrestling matches, Zollomans, HappyHour football games, and the most insane weekends ever taken by a human, are just some of the things that I will never forget about this place. It's time to make my first million and let the good times roll.

Dykes: 1986 - Scott Wagner
My slave rat Jimmy Tyrell

1992

After two years of waiting, the day came when we earned our rings and then we started to wait for graduation

Since we matriculated on Aug 16, 1988, we have drawn together from 411 individuals into a class. We have experienced all the ups and downs that the Institute could throw at us. Not everyone remained that began, but those that stayed have developed a bond that shall remain strong forever. The pains and struggles that we suffered through rat year were only a taste for what was to come. Third class year was a time that tried our souls. We knew that it all would be worth it but confinement, academics and having only a few weekends to take took its toll on us. Second Class year showed us what the benefits of VMI could be for we entered the fraternity of the ring on November 9, 1991. It was the fulfillment of our dreams because we had met the challenge and passed. There was only one more milestone to pass to be called VMI men and we knew we would graduate next year. The members of our class had in three years become men of honor and duty, ready to leave our mark on the world.

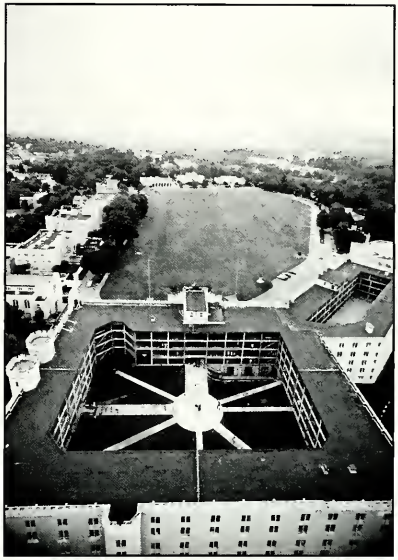
By John Zackrison

Candid Color Photography

▲Rob Johnson and his Homecoming Court date
▸ Class Officers seated Left to right are Matt Ott, Mark Orgain, and Taylor Holt

Matt Zahorsky

◂Another year at the I began with some of us processing a new rat mass.
▾The healthful and pleasant abode . . .



Jim Richardson

▴We partied till we dropped at RF92

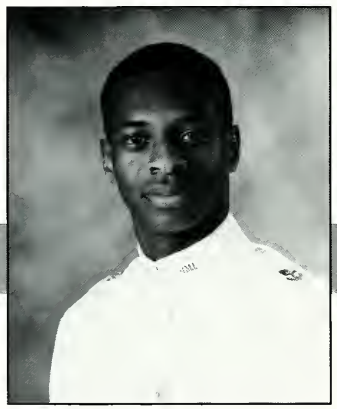
Candid Color Photography

Academic Seniors

The Class of 1992 will be losing five of their Brother Rats this year as they will be graduating with the Class of 1991. You can be assured that no love will be lost by these men who will be heading out into the world instead of returning for a fourth year of "pain".

Alan Gregory Mckinnon

Economics/Business - Air Force Missileer



Aerodynamic Nose

Carthage, North Carolina

Cpl 3, 1Sgt 2; Band 4,3,2; Boxing Team 4,3,2; Promaji Club 4,3,2.

Why did I ever decide to leave North Carolina State University and transfer to VMI? Well, it certainly was not for the women, social entertainment, or the abundance of free time. To this day I still can't give a sensible answer, even to myself.

My experiences have been most unforgettable. The Corps Trip rat year with my dykes and co-dykes. Don't get so drunk "Count the money" and you won't get such loving care from our dykes! Winning my first boxing match with my BR's (92!) cheering me to victory. Breakout and having mud in my ears for days. It was worth it! The Paris, France trip with the band and trying to make a catch in the red light district. The UNC game trip with Mac and Dave in that van from hell. Last, but not least, RING FIGURE '92.

Barney Rubble and Twinkle, whose turn is it to make the popcorn and tea? Take some next door for Andy. You two guys are unreal, but great roommates!

Dykes: 1989 - John Shipley
1994 - Vince Porter

Marc Robert Diehl

Economics - Special Student

"Diehls" on Wheels

Muncy, Pennsylvania

Cpl, 3; Plt. Sgt., 1; Rugby, 4,3,1.

Well my college years are finally coming to an end. I can't say the last 3 years at VMI were great, but I feel the experience has helped me for many challenges yet to come.

I want to thank my roommates Paul, Lxex, and Eric for making this place something to remember. We had some great times from rats on. Mom, Dad, Scott, Mike, and especially Suzanne thanks for all the support. Scott thanks for showing me the "I".

To the Rugby team good luck, and hopefully I can play for the team again.

Dykes: 1989 - Andy Hoofnagle
1994 - Chad Hudnall
Anthony Underhill

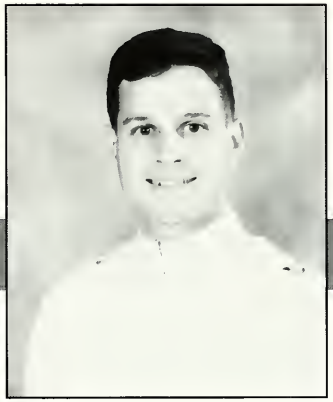
Edward Michael Mosher

History - Special Student

Ole Mosh, Ward

Arlington, Virginia

Rat 4, Pvt. 2,1; The Cadet 2,1; TCFC-1992 Chairman; Rugby 4,2,1; #%&* Runner



My three years at The Institute have been slow, but it seems like yesterday I was straining. I have had help getting through VMI from my Mom, my sisters, and Laura. Support from them through letters, visits, and phone calls made Rat year survivable and the rest of my cadetship bearable.

Greg, Rich, and Charlie (sea breaze) we stared out with 5 and ended with 4. What happened to Shane? Rob the late night stoop talks were always fun. I wish you the best. You motivated special.

John, Garland (Mac), Mark, and Andy we had a good time during Ring Figure. It is a shame that I will not be around for your, and the rest of 1992's first class year, but when commencement and another year at the "I" are compared I am swayed towards commencement.

I am glad I transferred to VMI because it was a challenge to me. A challenge that I almost missed. I will never regret coming to VMI. Mom your threats of FUMA never worked, but you finally had the chance to have me in a military school. Thanks for the encouragement.

Dykes: 1989 - Jon Jacobs
1994 - William Gorman, Ken Goss

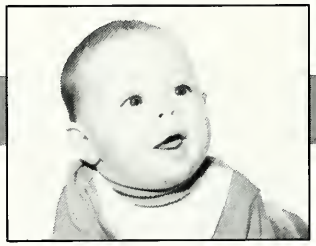
Patrick T. Rohan

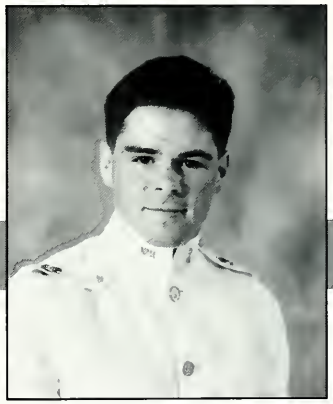
Navy - Modern Languages Int'l Studies

Ensign, Paddy

East Meadow, New York

4,3,2-Lacrosse, Academic Stars; 3-Corporal, Study abroad in Madrid, Spain, fall semester,; 2-F Co. Platoon & S2 sergeant, Trident Society Treasurer, Spanish Honor. Soc. VP.





Vows are spoken
To be broken
Feelings are intense,
Words are trivial.
PLEASURES REMAIN,
SO DOES THE PAIN
Words are meaningless
And forgettable.

—D. Mode

To my parents, family, and friends who know I truly love them: Thank you.

Dykes: 1989 - Ed Herrington
1994 - Paul Whitmore

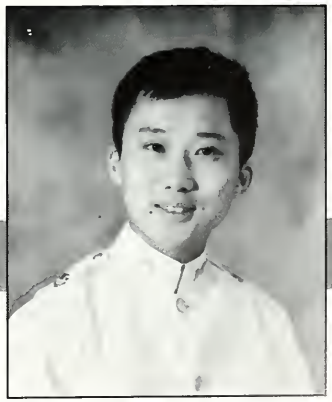
Herbert Xin Yang

Air Force SS - Electrical Engineering

Herb

Albuquerque, NM

IEEE; International Relations Club; V.M.I Fencing team / club; Private 4,3/2,1; Booze Cruise 4.



Three years ago, like all my brother rats, I walked in the Jackson Arch with the dream VMI would teach me "How to become a southern gentleman" as it said in the catalog. Well I still have not had a mint julip. But I lived among men who have character and integrity - I hope that I have met the test as well.

The past twenty years have been full of changes and surprises for me. Instrumental in my success and development, and without whom I would not have today are several dynamic friends and mentors who influenced and guided my life in this new country when I was but an non - English speaking immigrant. Thank you Mr. Jenkins and Dr. & Mrs. McConnell.

My graduation was also not without great sacrifice and support from my mother who I will always love and respect.

Dykes: 1989 - Robert Hoar
1994 - Michael Grose

LEADERS

Second Class helps makes cadre a unique week for the rats

This year several of us returned early for important positions during cadre. This year we found ourselves involved not only in the execution but also the planning of cadre. The rats were quick to learn who was about to receive their class rings and in how many days. Those of us involved in this cadre came away satisfied with our performance and the experience of shaping new VMI men.

John Zackrison

Jeff Saunitry

Gregory M. Abbott
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William S. Alewine
Lawerence R. Alexander
Jerry L. Allen
Alexander Alston
Andrew J. Andrews

Gregory M. Andricos
Theo T. Androus
Michael L. Arness
Stephen C. Arnold
Paul D. Barnes
Mark A. Baush
Christopher Bergen

Christopher J. Bergstol
William G. Berry
Jeffrey S. Blackburn
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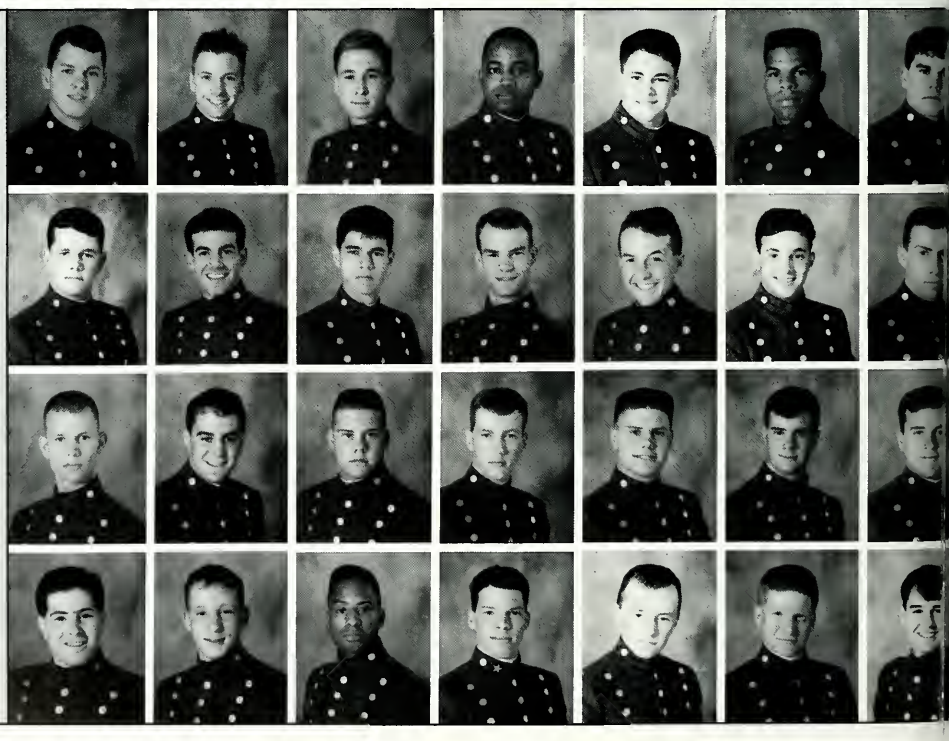

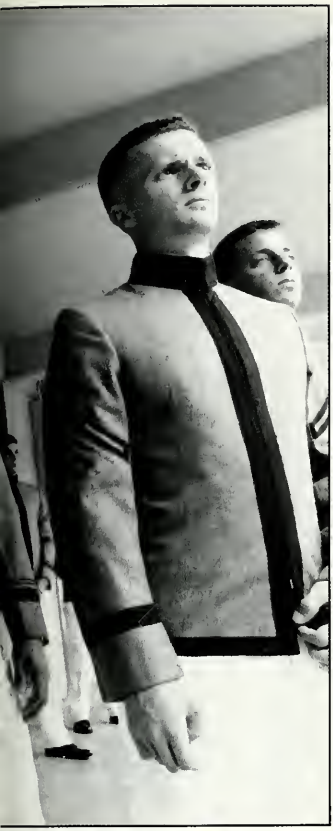

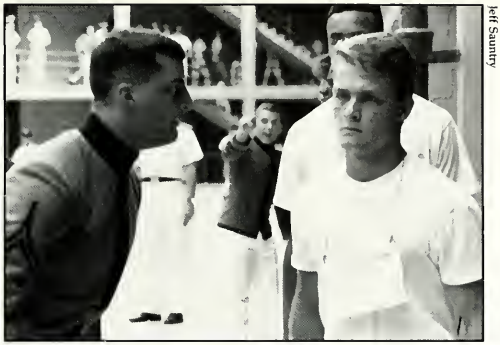

Jeff Sauntry

◂◂*Neil Corson, Jeff Vent, and Trent Dudley await a new rat mass.*
◂*Dan Shipley seems puzzled at this rat's slowness.*
▾*Chris Jones lights up a new cadet.*

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William A. Buckner
Bob B. Burgess
Samuel D. Butler
Robert H. Carlquist
Jason A. Carrico
Dean J. Case
Marty L. Chadwick

James Chenry
Whiting Chisman
J. T. Christman
Jason A. Church
Jeffrey L. Clark
Joel L. Coleman
Kenner M. Coon

Neal A. Corson
Scott D. Council
Travis C. Cox
Mark R. Crocker
Byron T Crowell
Wilson J. Current
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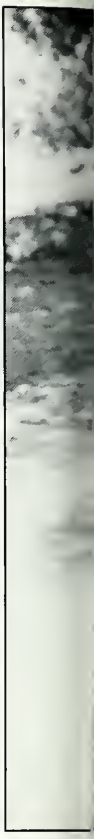
Anthony C. Davis
Ed L. Davis
Charles W. Douglass

Matt Zahorsky



▸▸Oh no, I have to get in shape for the PFT next week!
▾Hey Keith, you missed a spot.
▸John Thibodeaux finding out where the party is for the weekend.

Shane Grizzard

Hugh C. Dowdy
David E. Downs
Fitzgerald E. Drummond
Warren T. Dudley
Charles L Dunn
Jason Dylik
Timonthy Dzierzek, Jr

Jeffrey J. Eget
Carl E. Engstrom
Charles W. Enochs
Richard J. Falcone, Jr
Chza-Jung Fan
Tzy-Jen Fang
Michael A. Foesch

Robert W. Fowler
Scott G. Francis
Keith B. Frantz
Daniel W. Franzen
Bryan P. Frazier
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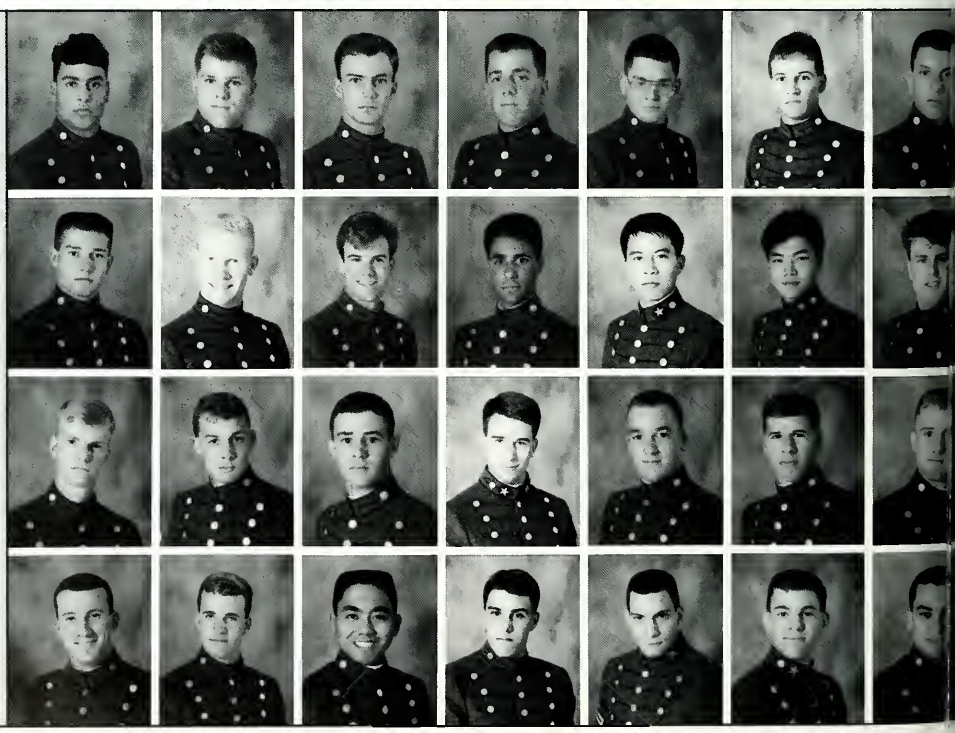

Matt Zahorsky

FREE TIME

Free time is the one aspect at VMI that we are always assured of

With so much free time here at the Institute one would think that we would be eternally bored. Right? Well, quite wrong. We had the chance to spend time: being SOGs, Recorders, marching PTs, going to check formations, and to "voluntary FTXs, just to name a few diversions. The majority of our time was spent sleeping in our beloved rack while the remainder was spent trying to get away from the "I" on a Mixer permit or a weekend pass. All these activities have left us with a wealth of memories of a well spent college career.

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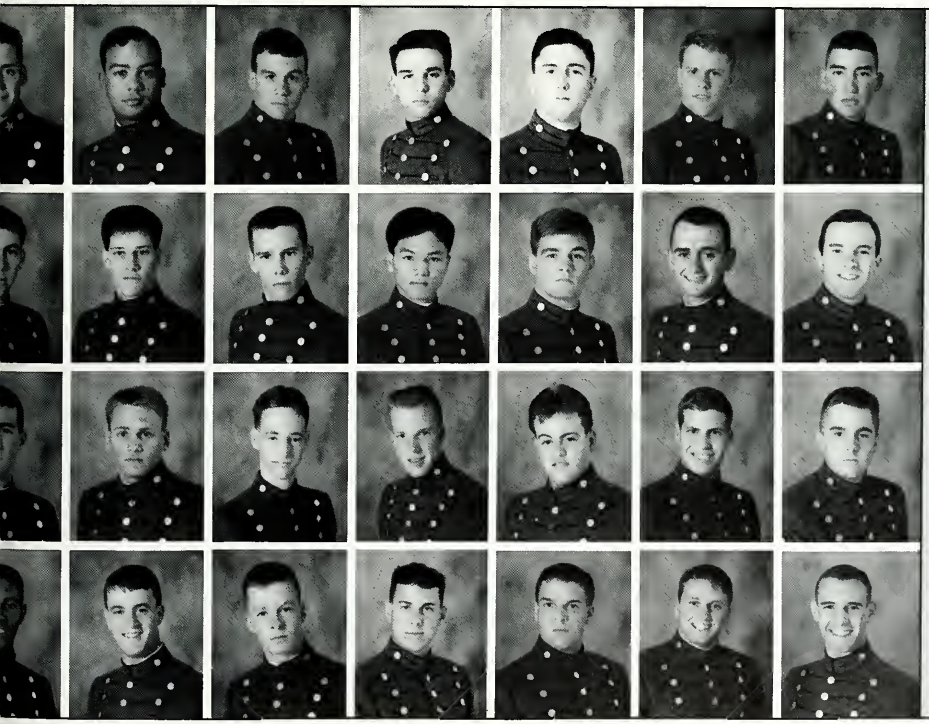

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Shane T. Grizzard
Rodney P. Gudz
Robert J. Haeberle
Walter H. Hale
Frank W. Harrar

William P Harris
Michael B. Haverty
Neil L. Hennigan
Tsai-Tzu Ho
Miles T. Holt
Richard L. Horn
John C. Howard

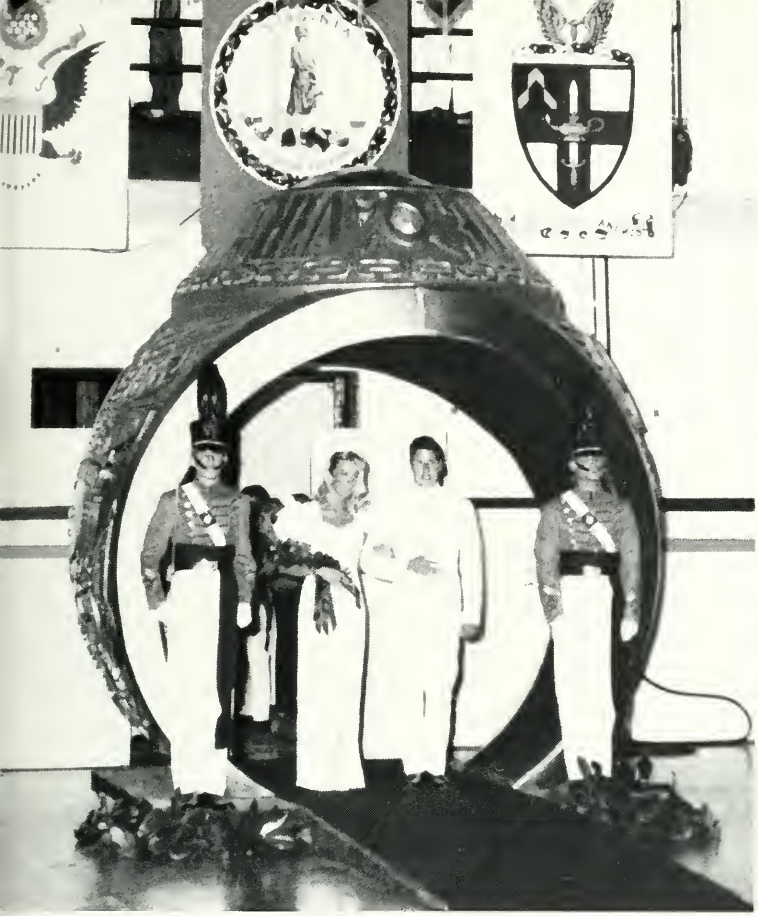
Richard R. Howe
Matthew D. Humphrey
Robert R. Hurd
Ronald E. Huzzard
Alexander S. Jackson
David M. Jahnke
Jon M. Jeffreys

Derrick W. Johnson
Robert B. Johnson
Timothy H. Jordan
Christopher R. Jones
Kelly P. Kasper
Chris S. Keever
Brian W. Kelly

Ring Figure '92

▸After the ring presentation ceremony everyone had to show off their rings
▾The room parties at the Radison were chaotic at best

◂Cocke Hall looked great for THE Ring Figure Dance
▾The dance at the Radison was out of control all night long and into the morning



◂Saturday's football game was another excuse to get crazy with our rings
◂The Radison and '92 never had a dull moment on Saturday

TIME

Weekends enable Seconds to fulfill their quest for happiness

After being here at the Institute for three years the majority of us have shown our ability of how to party and how to meet women. Although many try to succeed in doing both, few are lucky. This year we set the tone for partying by RF92 and our participation at the Harbarker Farm parties. By the look of some of our beautiful dates it seems that we have also set the standards for meeting women.

John Zackrison

Candid Color Photography

Garland D. Kelly
James A. King
Michael M. Kirkmire
Pete Kloeppel
Laird J. Knights
Andrew J. Krug
Richard M. Kurtz

Courtney C. Lambert
Derrick E. Lapp
Eric J. Larsen
Gregory A. Lee
Richard E. Lee
Wiliam J. Leimkuhler
Jonathan M. Lester

Neal W. Lineberry
Matthew B. Lough
Mark C. Loving
Allan T. Lunsford
Daniel J. Lyle
Lee J. Macgregor
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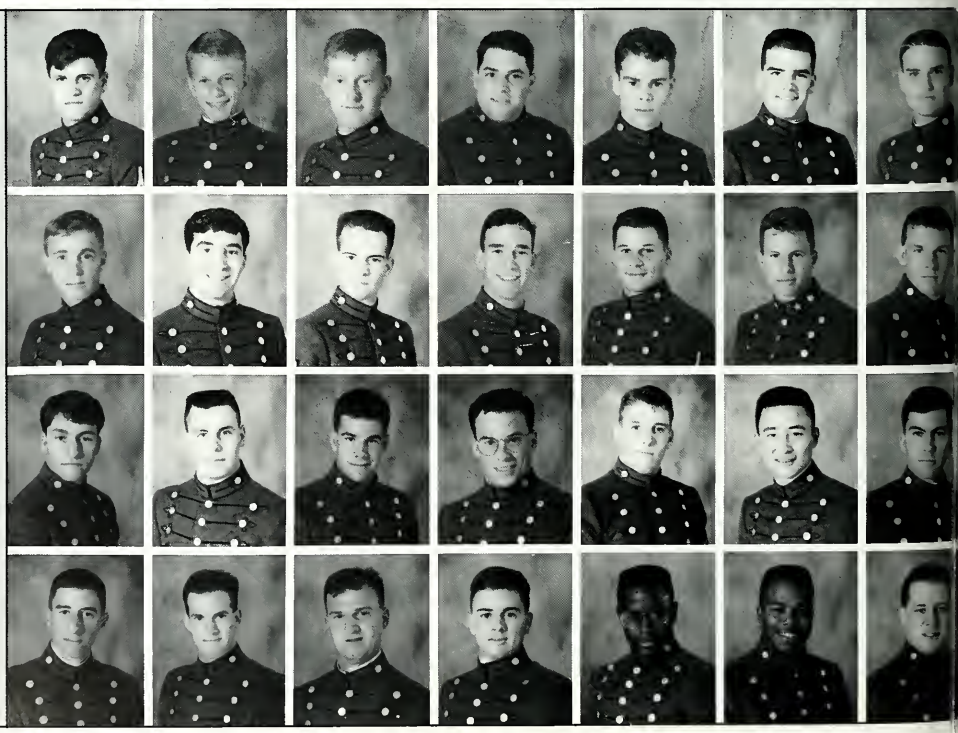


Candid Color Photography

◂◂From left to right, Chris Keever, Steve Brandtner, Keith Fantz, and Dean Ramsey show how to go crazy.
◂Rich Lee escorts his homecoming date before the football game.

Candid Color Photography

◂Carl Engstrom shows off his date

David T. Massie
Andrew L. Mays
Daniel E. Mazzei
Brian E. McCarthy
Mark E. McCary
Joseph A. McClung
Scott A. McKenna

John H. Miller
John E. Milstead
Marcus L. Mines
W. C. Minnigerode
Robert V. Mizelle
Joel D. Moody
Brian J. Moore

Philip M. Moore
James M. Morris
Stephen W. Morris
Tedd N. Muery
Craig I. Myers
James M. Myers
Aubrey S. Neely

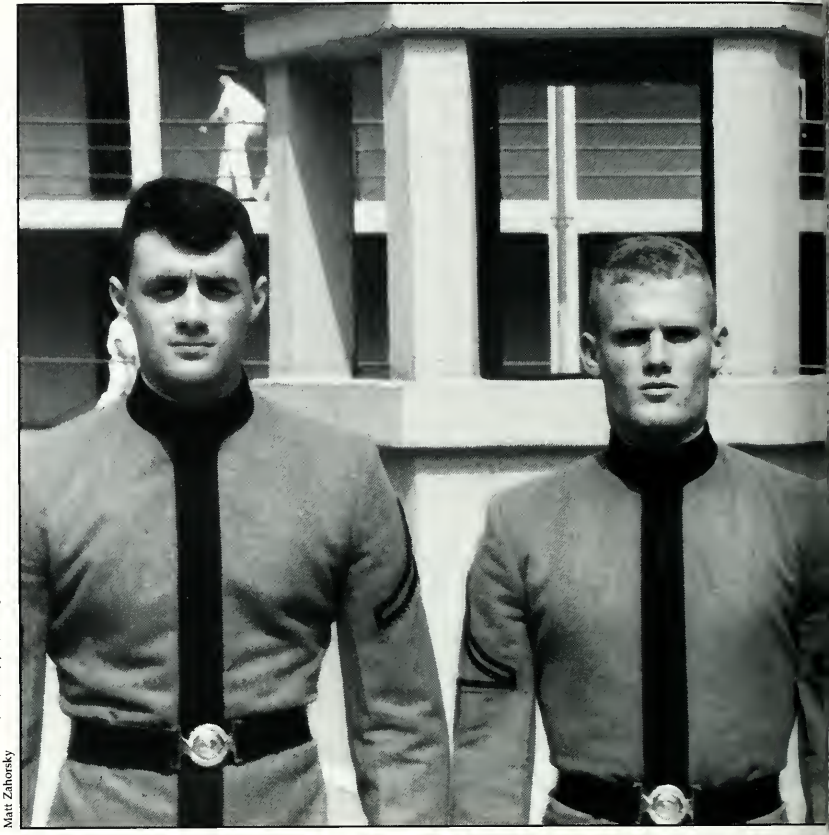
Franco F. Neto
Lawrence J. Nevel
Ahn-Tuan T. Nguyen
Donald A. Noschese
Patrick A. O'Ferrall
Charles R. O'Quinn
Douglas S. Olson

LEADERS

The longer we stay at VMI the more leaders emerge from the class

Second Class year was when many of us were able to take a more active part in the Institute. Many were able to lead the Corp as Sergeants, from the lowly Guide Sergeant to Regimental Sergeant Major. Many new faces stepped forward to lead the class with the preparations needed for Ring Figure. Some were selected to represent us on the Honor Court and the RDC. All in all, it was a rewarding year as we further developed our leadership skills.

By John Zackrison



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Matthew Ott
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Matthew Owenings
Williams R Pace
Lance D. Parnell
Todd Pegg

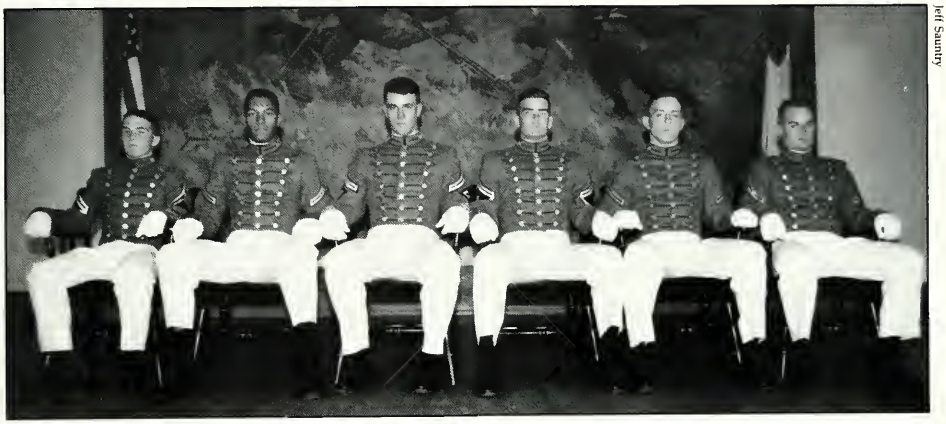
Keith A. Peloquin
Michael S. Perfetti
Scott Peterzell
Brian C. Pettrey
Charles Petzold
Christopher Phelps
Benjamin A. Piper

Henry S. Pitts
Lewis Preston
Jonny S. Price
Frank S. Quattromani
David A. Remington
Michael B. Richardson
Stephen T. Richardson

Lewis E. Riker
Robert J. Ritchie
Greg Robinson
Matthew Robinson
Orlando L. Robles
Timotty Rodriguez
Dwayne Ross

Candid Color Photography

◂◂ Second Class RDC members showing their tough side
◂ Bill Berry, Ring Figure Chairman, addresses the Class
▾ The Second Class Honor Court Representatives



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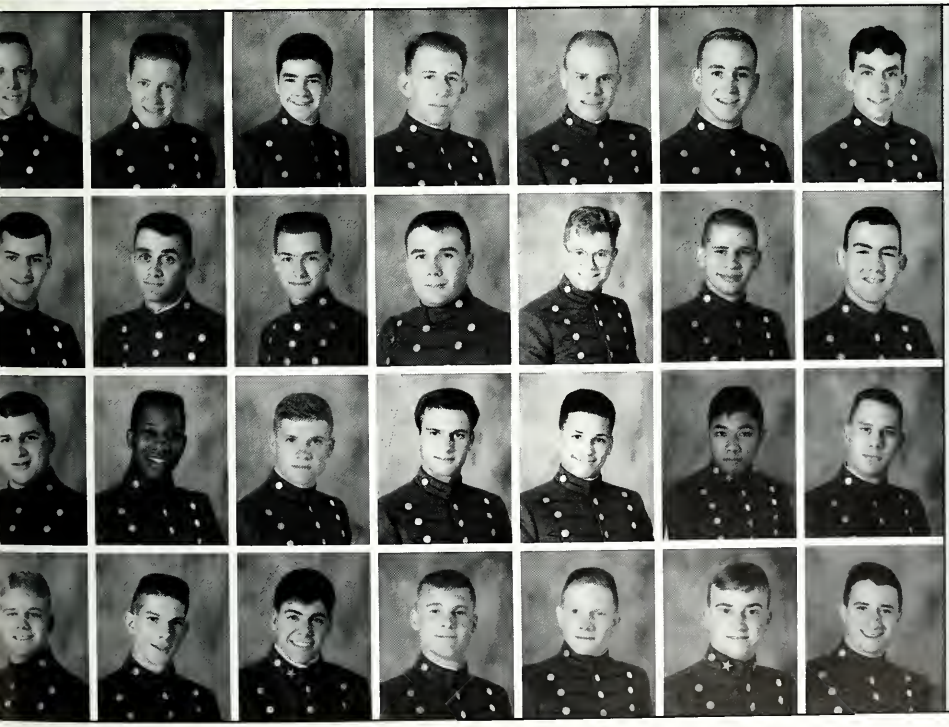

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Peter A. Shea

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Dwight D. Smith
Steve D. Smith
Edward M. Snyder
Ed S. Sobieray, Jr.
David S. Soldow

Michael C. Starling
Harold A. Stills
James B. Stone
Larry A. Stone
William J. Stone
Paniwat Subrungruang
Darrell S. Swanigan

Matthew N. Swanson
Andrew J. Tate
M. C. Taylor
Michael T. Teates
Shannon D. Terhune
Mark C. Thackston
Jonathan D. Thibodeaux

EVENTS

Cadets always are ready to enjoy themselves and to help others also

There were many different ways for a Second Classman to enjoy himself. There were a myriad of opportunities to be social, there were always mixers to attend, Second Class Privilege to take and hops to attend. Favorite hangouts for fun included Ben Salem, Panther Falls and Goshen Pass. Transportation was no problem due to the numerous " unauthorized" cars that were somehow made authorized at a secret parking spot.

By John Zackrison

▸Who says you have to go far in order to have some fun?▾ Several BRs'helpedto make Halloween safe in downtown Lexington

David L. Thomas
Thomas C. Timmes
Perry S. Turner
Jason R. Troxell
Edward S. VanDuren
Jeff Vansanford
Carl E. Vause

Jeffrey R. Vent
William T. Viar
Douglas G. Vincent
Marcus L. Waehler
Richard E. Walker
Jon G. Walters
John A. Ward

Trent J. Warner
Todd L. Washington
William H. Walters
Charles L. Weatherman
David S. Weisenberger
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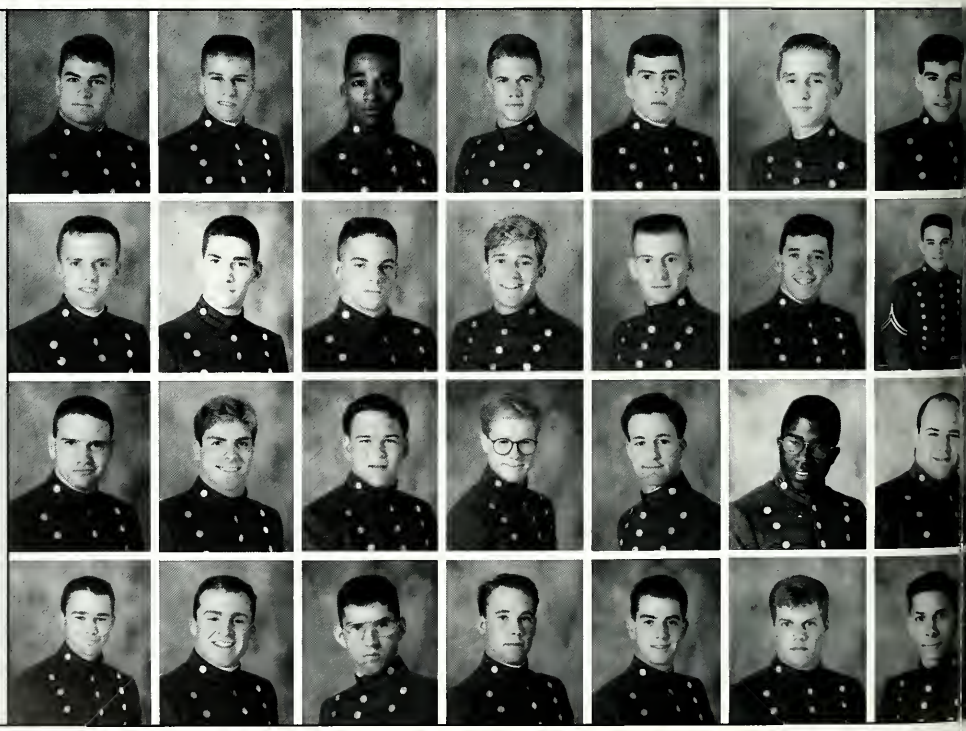

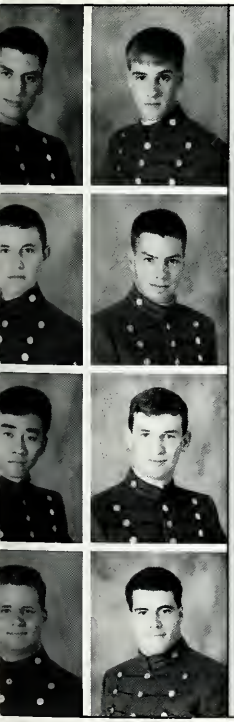

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William O. Woodward

Culla L. Yarborough
Garry W. Wright

Chien-Fang Yu
John H. Zackrison

Alexander C. Zaleski
Jeffrey A. Zeigler

The Class of 1993

The Third Class year is filled with many challenges, and the class of 1993 met each one head on.

The Ghosts of '90 have come to haunt us all . . . That statement seemed to be on the lips of every upperclassman from day one — way back in August.

"You're cocky, and have no respect for the class system."

It seemed as if from the very beginning that '91 and '92 were determined to rail us into our dyke's shadow. However, in that shadow we have shown incredible strength.

Call it cockiness, call it what you will, but there's no doubt about the presence of '93.

The third class year is supposed to be a year of patience — everybody hates thirds. Rats hate thirds, Seconds hate thirds, and Firsts generally don't care, but they still hate thirds. It's a year for finding the class identity, and it's really the year that the class unifies.

For the first time, one can walk around, look around, and see the people in his class. One isn't bound by the company ties of Rat year. Decisions have to be made without the help of a dyke, and responsibility abounds with almost all men taking jobs as corporals.

And, of course, it's a time for revenge. Again, even with the Rats, patience was the key word. '91 seemed to be revolutionizing the Ratline, and many of the conflicts that arose, did so because of the Rats. The old familiar saying, "get on your face," was

Jeff Sauntry

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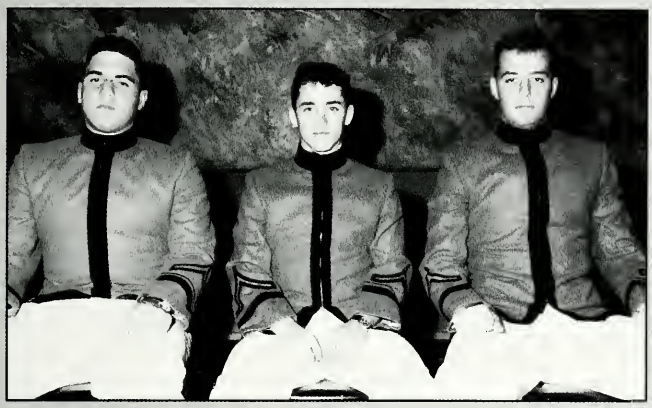
◂As third classmen it is our responsibility to help mold matriculants into VMI men.
▾Ayen Torchik; Vice President, Trey Petty; President, Deacon Maddox; Historian. The officers of the class of 1993.



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▴Steve Allison cheerfully gives up part of his summer furlough to help the QMD distribute Rat clothing.
◂John Price looks ahead to the challenge of the Third Class year.

replaced by the kinder and gentler-,"get out." The situation was confusing. Were the Rats really getting a Ratline? Many Thirds would not hesitate to say no, but of course, thirds say that every year! Time will tell whether the Rats got what they paid for.

Respect was not an easy pill to swallow, but one that had to be taken. To give respect one needs to get respect. The question is: who gives it first? The third class was expected to give it first, and it didn't. However, there were other upperclassmen, who weren't third classmen, who begged for disrespect — and got it. The class system, weaker than ever, failed to control this.

It all started with the cannonball and climaxed at Ring Figure. Afterwards, temperatures in barracks were high, and the pressure equally high. Much thought was given to putting '93 on confinement but cooler heads prevailed. (at least by December)

In conclusion, it can be said that the Third class year for us was a learning experience. The Class came together well and found itself: '93 showed abundant potential in every aspect of VMI. This potential ranged far and wide — from the football field to the parade field; from the classroom to the Third stoop Sally Port wall. The class of '93 showed everyone where it stood — STRONG AND DEFIANT IN THE FACE OF CHANGE, BUT ALWAYS WILLING TO COOPERATE.

EDM

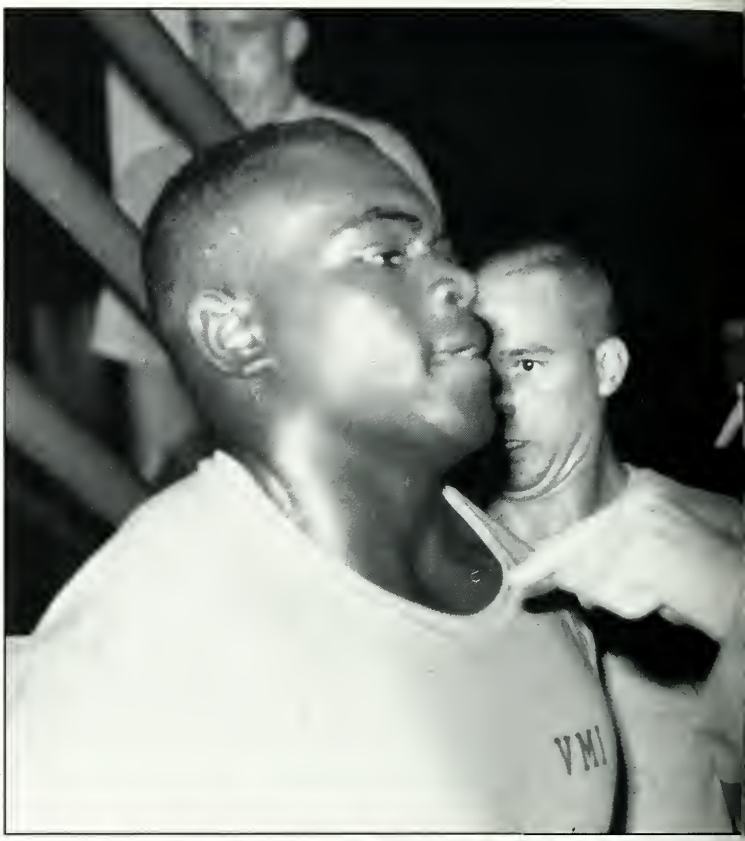
By Deacon Maddox

Ratline Enforcers

The Third Class takes the responsibilities of the Corps in Cadre and as Corporals.

The progression from the lowly rodent to the new Third Classman incurs many new duties and responsibilities. The most notable of these is the time consuming job of enforcing the Ratline. The Class of 1993 took on this task with a vengeance. The flaming voice of the Third Class was dominant this year, and despite many changes in the New Cadet System, the third stoop maintained its reputation as the prime location for RAT DESTRUCTION!! In addition, the class of 1993 exhibited leadership qualities as corporals. This job required training the rats to fit the mold of the VMI Man. Whether flaming or training Rats, no one could deny the presence of '93.

By Jason Held



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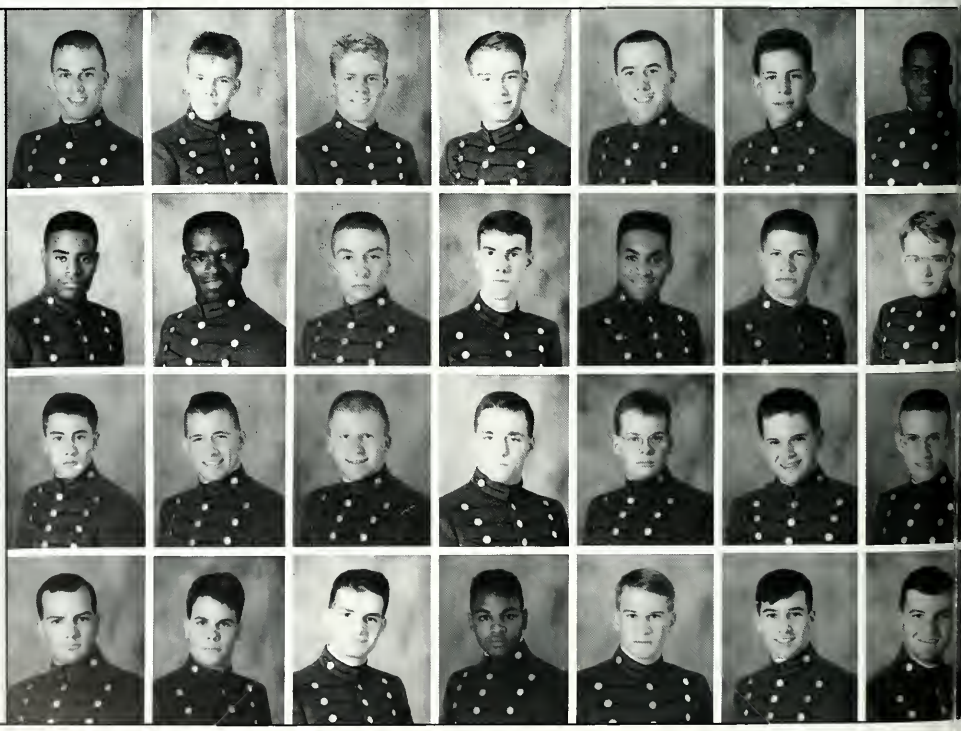

John Barefoot

◂◂Eric Eversole tells his rats, "On Your Face!"
◂Mike Wysong and Kevin Barnes take advantage of a photo opportunity.
▾The class of 1993 prepares to work out the rats on Hell Night.

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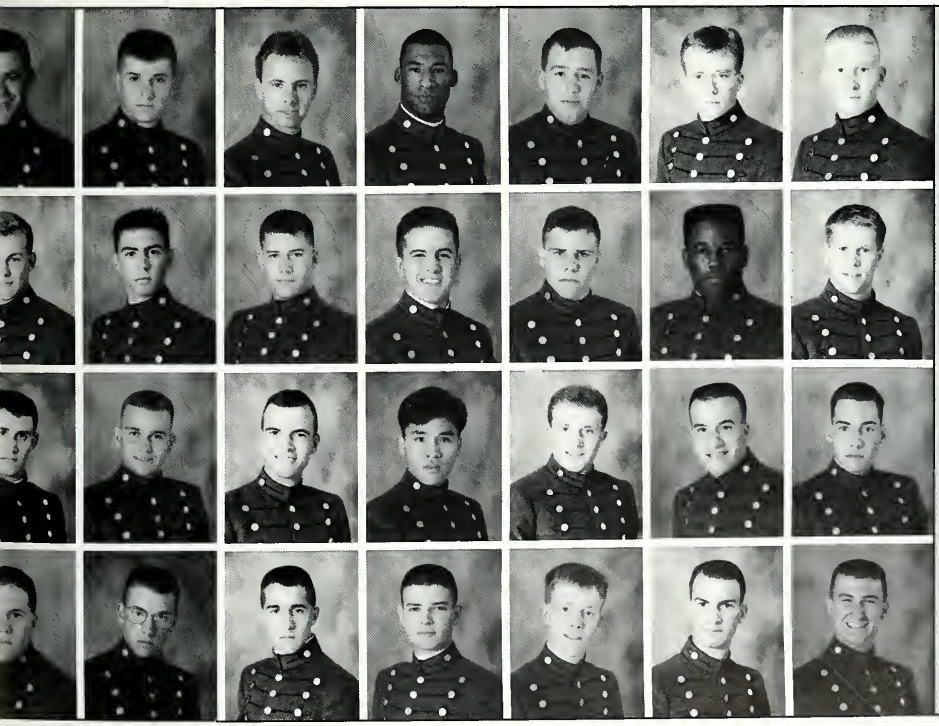

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Cary Hunsun

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John C. Christian
Michael R. Chupas
Craig A. Chwojdak
Benjamin S. Coleman
Jonathan B. Comer
Robert M. Copenhaver
Brian C. Cox

Jeff Vent

▸▸The 322-crew kicks back with a few cold ones at a local Lexington Motel.
▸Ben Lilly and his date at one of those fun-filled Hops.
▾After a Hop, where the fun begins, everyone unwinds and prepares for the "excitement" that lies ahead.

The Bomb

▾Pat Schuler and his date Charlene take a break from dancing at the Hop.

The Bomb

Rhett R. Cox
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Daniel H. Crawford
Martin S. Crawford
Clinton S. Crone
McCarrell A. Crumrine
Mark D. Cumashot

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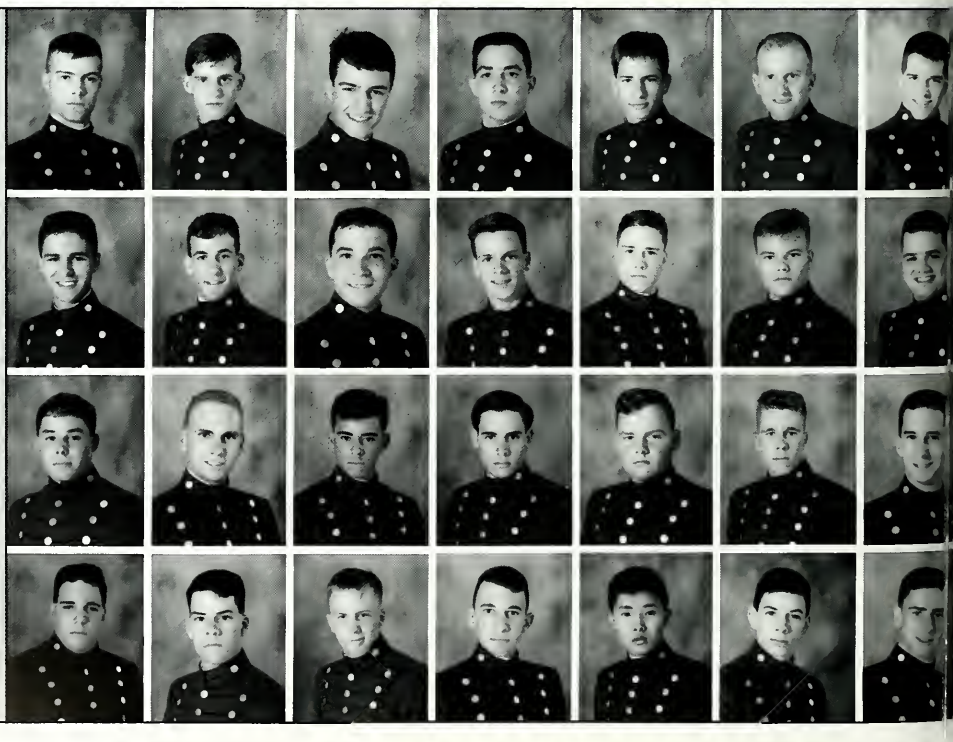

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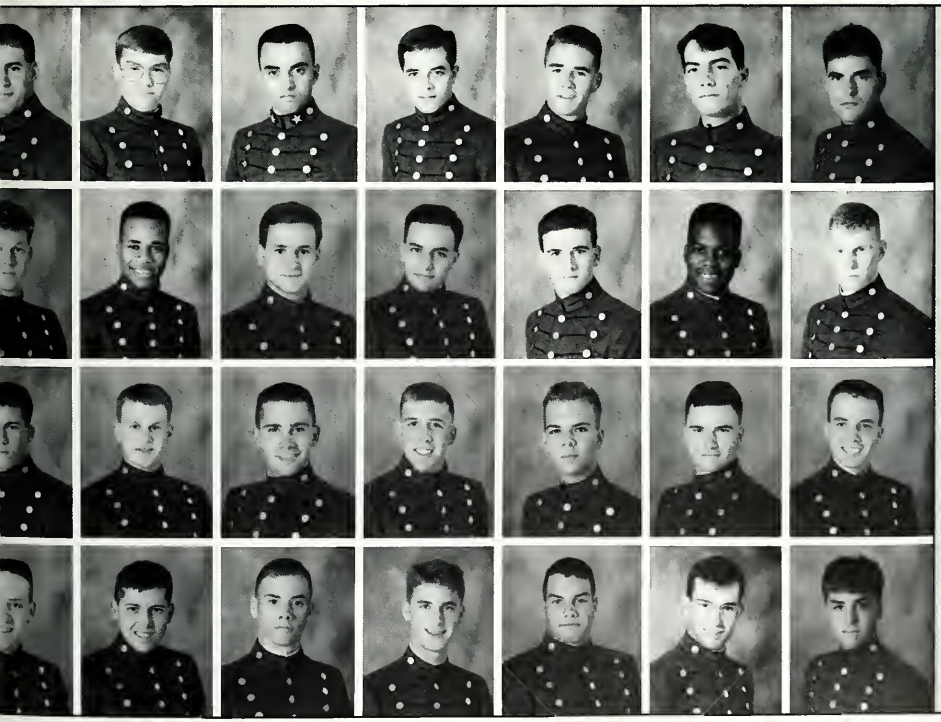
What A WEEKEND

Those Institute social events! Hops and Mixers provided much-needed relief.

The 1990-91 year saw the class of '93 unleashed on an unsuspecting world. After Rat year's confinement, the boys were ready to raise some hell..and raise it they did! The local girls were awed, and sometimes disgusted, by our . . . skills. The shocker was our trademark, and young ladies everywhere feared its awesome touch. From the Econolodge to Mary Baldwin and beyond, the great state of Virginia was our playground.

With Ring Figure on the horizon, we've had good practice for the future party of all parties . . . and that practice will continue until perfected.

By Cliff Martin



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Johnathon P. Greever
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Dallas H. Grubbs
John C. Guggenheimer

The Bomb

▸▸Sean Carty helps our honorary Brother Rat Cpt. Lovejoy up the hill.
▸The first part of The Hill — getting your face dunked in mud.
▾The Lexington Fire Department drenched The hill for us.

Chuck Story

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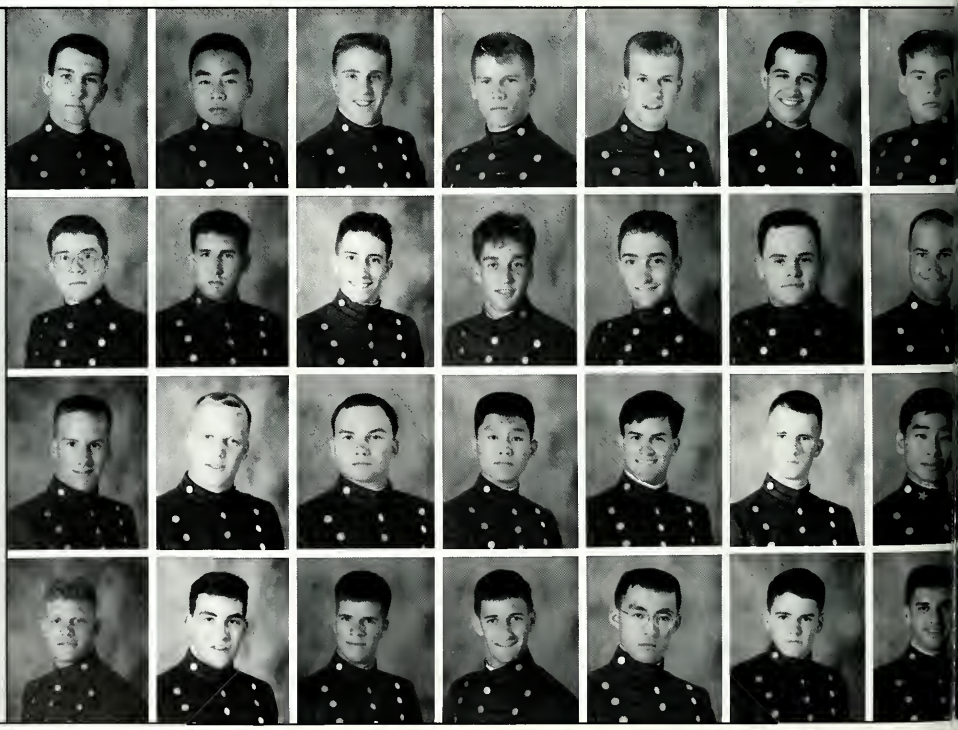

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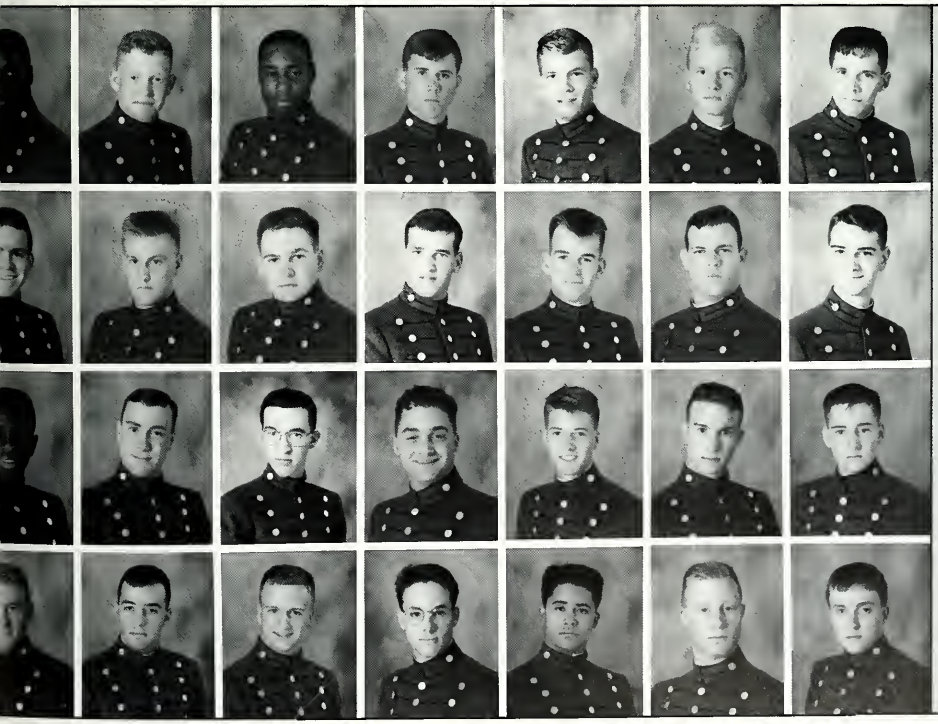
Joyful BREAKOUT

The culmination of six and one-half months of hardships ending on a hill of mud.

The ordeal started with a full week of workouts; the Barracks pavement became very familiar to the Rat as he pushed against it numerous times during each day. Then, that fateful moment came — the light at the end of the tunnel was reached — Breakout.

Reaching the summit of the mountain of mud was no easy feat. Brother Rats sacrificed themselves as human ladders to help their buddies up. But, in the end, it was the upperclassmen who pulled us up the last leg of the journey. We were now part of the Corps! When we emerged, some said we looked like we had come from a pitched battle. In a way we had . . . and we had won.

By Jason Held



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Creston S. Long
Edward D. Maddox
Chris M. Martin
Clifford H. Martin IV
Nicholas M. Martinson
Robert M. Matson
Greg F. Matthews

Leaving the INSTITUTE

Every Third awaits Saturday, when he can escape from the "I" until Taps Sunday.

For most Third classmen the best part about the "I" is leaving on a weekend, proving true the old adage,"VMI is a great place to be from, but not a great place to be at." After a tough week in the Academic Ratline, and eating plenty of it, a little weekend recreation is often times the best therapy. So, off we go. If it were only that simple.

A VMI weekend begins at 1205 Saturday, except for the academic studs or flamers who received Ac Days or Cadre Days for their endeavors. One must find a ride by sucking up to a First, or suckering a female. All for a mere 34 hours and 55 minutes of relative freedom. Some things never change!

By Pat Schuler

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Wade M. McNichols
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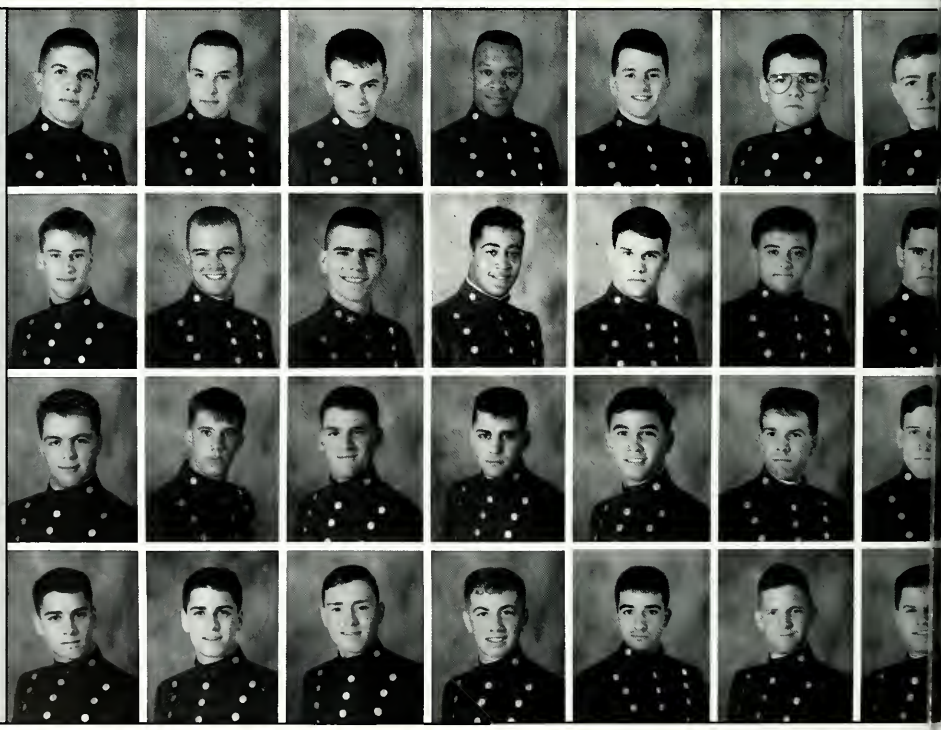

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◂Vic Kane, Taylor Chance, and friends get in a little snow time.
▾Pat Schuler explores the wacky world of Kings Dominion.

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Samuel C. Partin
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Johnathan A. Penn

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Micheal E. Peters
Robert G. Peterson
Louis J. Petrillo
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Lawrence F. Propp

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Robert P. Ranftl
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Cristopher R. Reid
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Preparing for THE RING

Ring Figure 1993 is almost here, and the planning has already begun.

In order to be ready for Ring Figure many preparations must be made. The class of 1993 has strived to make its Ring Figure the best ever. Under the direction of Dave Stokes, the TCFC began to raise money for this event. Many committees were formed, from designing the ring, to picking the best company to make it. Each member of our class pitched in with class dues, and many suggestions and ideas. Soon, it will be

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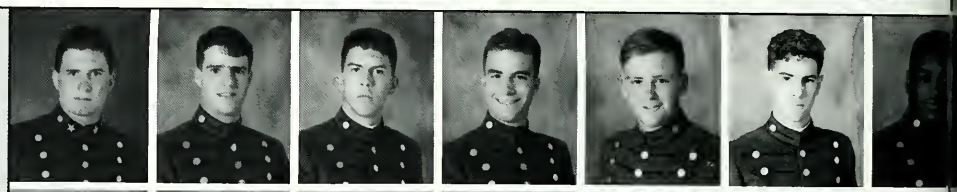

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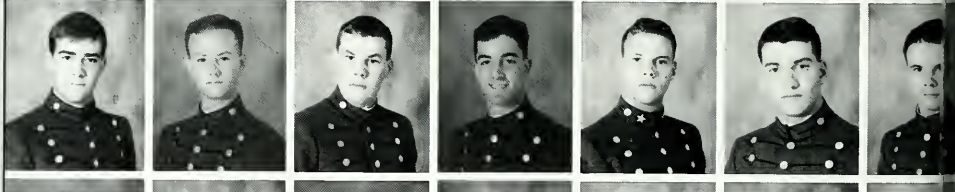

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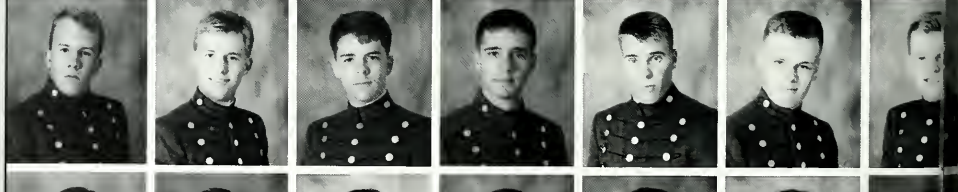

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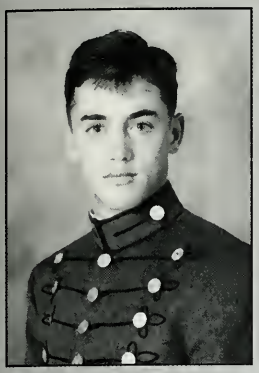

Tray Petty

LEADING THE CLASS TO RING FIGURE 1993

As our Class President, Tray carries the responsibility to make our Ring Figure run smoothly. With the help of Torch, Deacon, and Dave Stokes(TCFC) the Class of '93 can expect a great Ring Figure!

John R. Timmons
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Ayen P. Torchik
Viet H. Tran
Raleigh B. Trumbo
Michael D. Tuck

Kung C. Tung
Rodney L. Turbak
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Michael B. Wright
Yi-Chun Wu
Mike R. Wysong
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David C. Yeatts
Pyong H. Yim
Ra Yoeun
David H. Youngclaus
Lee C. Yowell
Ming-Chi Yu
Michael H. Zamalis

The Rat Mass

By Robert Browning

Innocently enough, another day began as the sunlight lifted over the rolling plains of beautiful Virginia. The day was the 14 of August 1990 and matriculants began to filter through the arch. It was the first day of college, a four year trek filled with beautiful women, beer, and many memories. Well, these matriculants had not come to a college. They had come to the Virginia Military Institute.

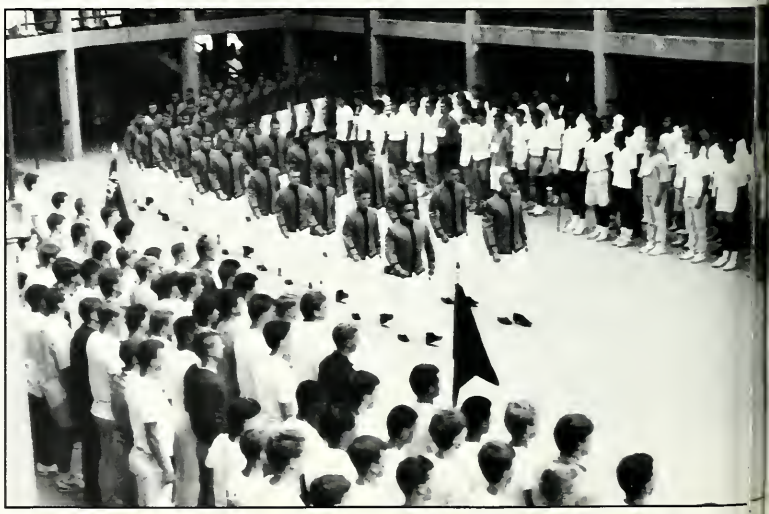
As the matriculants waved goodbye to family and friends, they turned to find the stern face of the corps. Every movement, every spoken word, and every blink of the eye was focused upon. Gone were the lazy days of high school and in its replacement was an Institute of honor, strict discipline, and education. The corps offered the challenge, and the matriculant sought to meet this in quest to becoming a VMI man.

The ratline began with the introduction of cadre. Workouts began well before sunrise and training lasted well after sunset. The bald-headed rats were introduced to sweat parties, stoop-runs, and force marches. Many questioned themselves as their abilities were tested and for some, the challenge was simply too much. Nevertheless, those who stayed began to feel the bond of the brother rat.

Classes began and the rats found themselves enveloped in a tedious routine of studying, sweating, and straining. It seemed like staying awake in class was just as difficult as the material to be learned. The pressure and the long hours would just not let up. However, when times got tough, the rats had each other. Together they faced the long hours of studying, the blistering, cold morning workouts, and the long, dreary days of the dark ages. Too difficult to face alone, they were forced to bond together to overcome these obstacles. The rat mass developed the great sense of comradeship called the brother rat spirit.

As the year advanced and the days grew longer, the lives of the rats seemed much less desperate. Sure, the eye of the corps still rested upon the them, but the rats had developed the strength of their character which put them one step closer to becoming a VMI man. Rather than merely a period of cruel treatment, the ratline developed the individual and, most importantly, the spirit of the brother rat.

▲The rat mass awaits the Hell Night workout.
▸Introduction of cadre kicks off the ratline.



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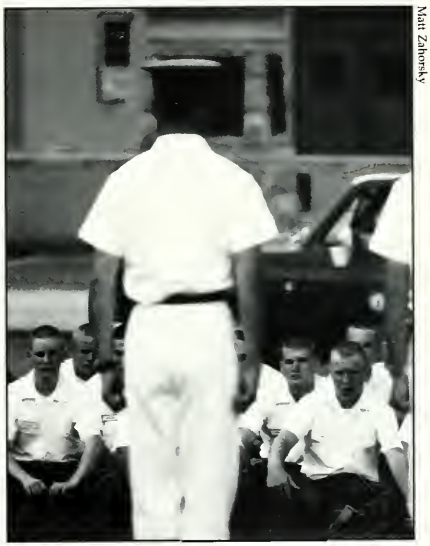
◂Alan Yankowski feels the "strain" of cadre.
▸Outside of the sweating and straining, the ratline is a learning experience.



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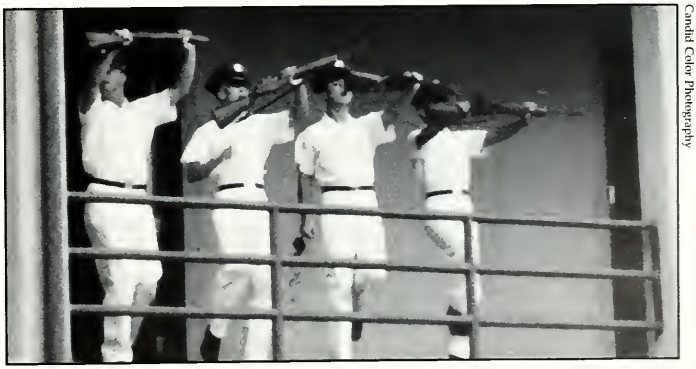

Candid Color Photography

▴The ratline is just an arms length away. Rats show their stuff upon the fourth stoop.
◂Day in and day out rats face the ratline. Here, Mr. Cruz proves that point.

The First Day

The grueling transformation begins

Soon after our arrival, the introduction to VMI began in earnest. We were turned over to the loving hands of our cadre in a ceremony which left us wondering what could have possessed us to come to this hell of screaming madmen and terrible discipline. We received our rat bibles, had our heads shaved, and were thrown into a mass of bald heads. We struggled through the day with our minds numbed and our emotions shattered. But however shocked we may have been, things would soon take a sharp turn for the worst. That night we were ripped from our racks by shouting cadre and chattering machine guns. Hell night had begun. We were first introduced to the Rat Disciplinary Committee, and then to the strain, an exaggerated position of attention. Then we were herded back to barracks for our first sweat party. Upon completion of numerous push ups, sit ups and leg lifts, we were allowed to wearily collapse back in our racks. Though we did not know it then, we had begun the process which has shaped and molded VMI rats, VMI men, and finally VMI alumni, for over 150 years.

By Mitch Tibbals

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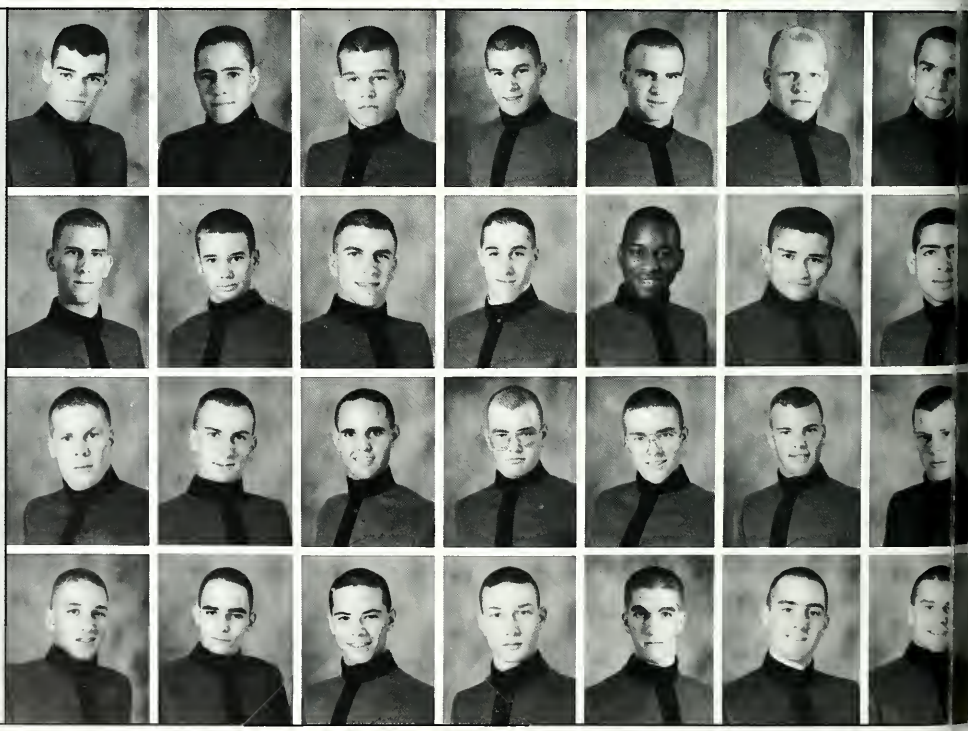

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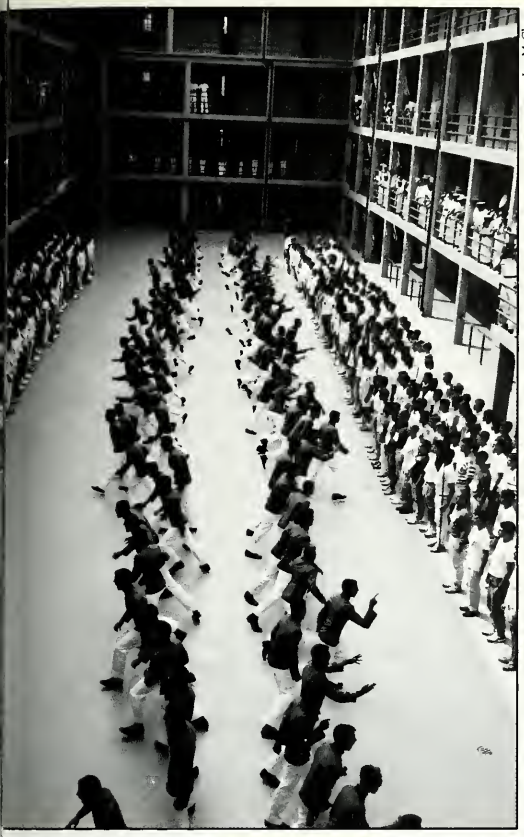

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◂The rats anticipate. All hell breaks loose.
▾David Raucher and Pat Womack kindly provide sound effects to liven up the evening.

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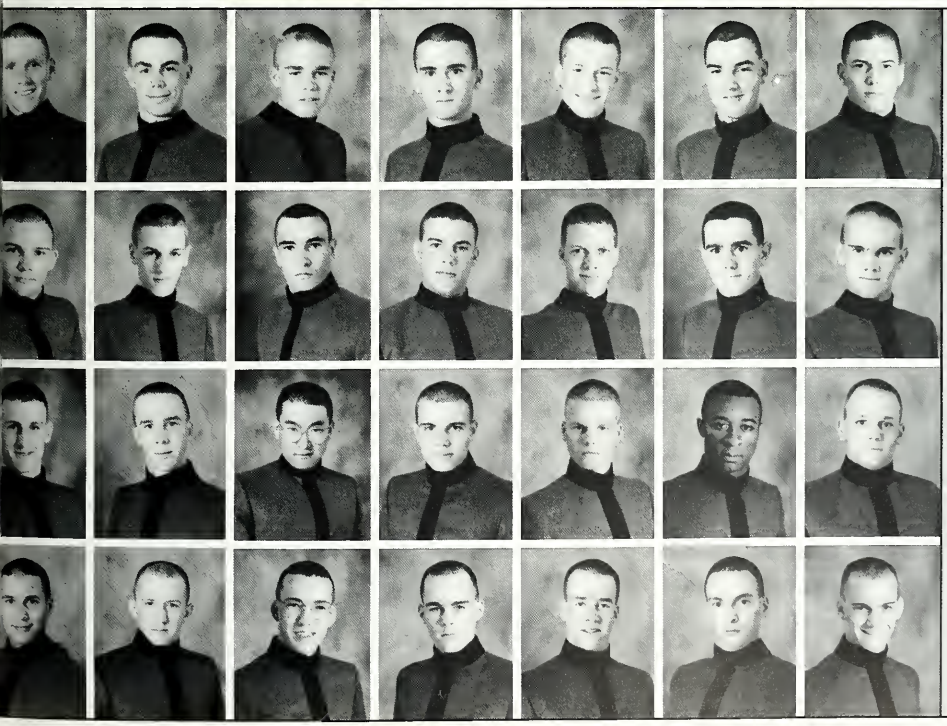

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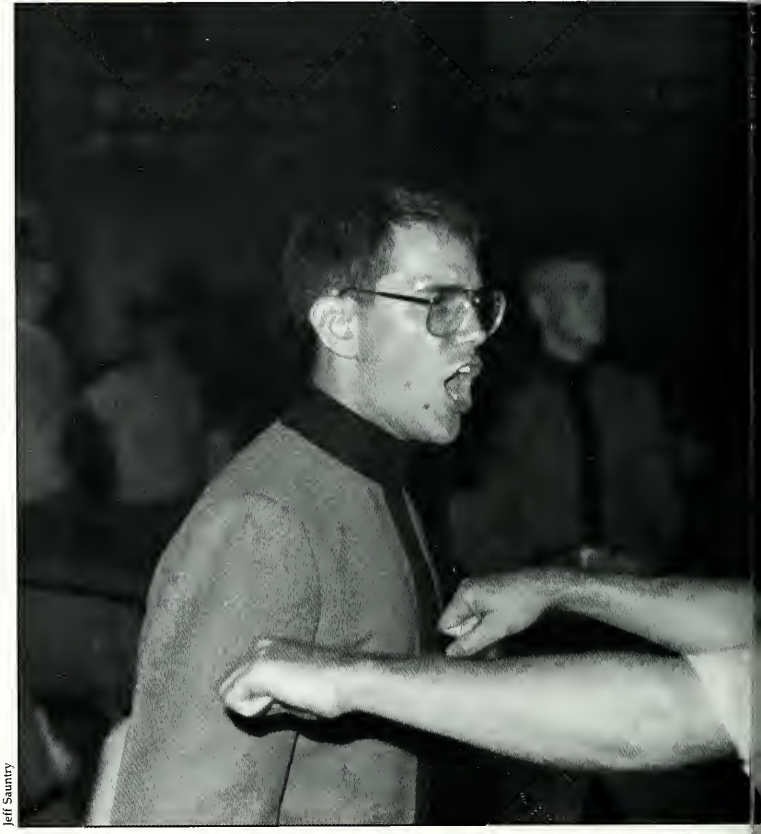
Stephen Colvin
Chris Coolidge
Stewart Copenhaver

Haircuts

A little off the top

Over the years, freshman at VMI have matriculated with very different haircuts. From afro's to flat top's, Jackson arch has seen it all. But for the matriculants to become full-fledged rat-ties, this condition must change, drastically. At the behest of his cadre, the already bewildered nut is taken to the Institute barber shop and forced to watch as his brother rats' hair is sacrificed on the alter of unity. Then it is his turn. As he feels his once beloved locks sheared from his head, he must know that he has taken the first, and easiest, step toward unity with his brother rats. Now he must strive toward that more difficult state of inward unity.

By Mitch Tibbals



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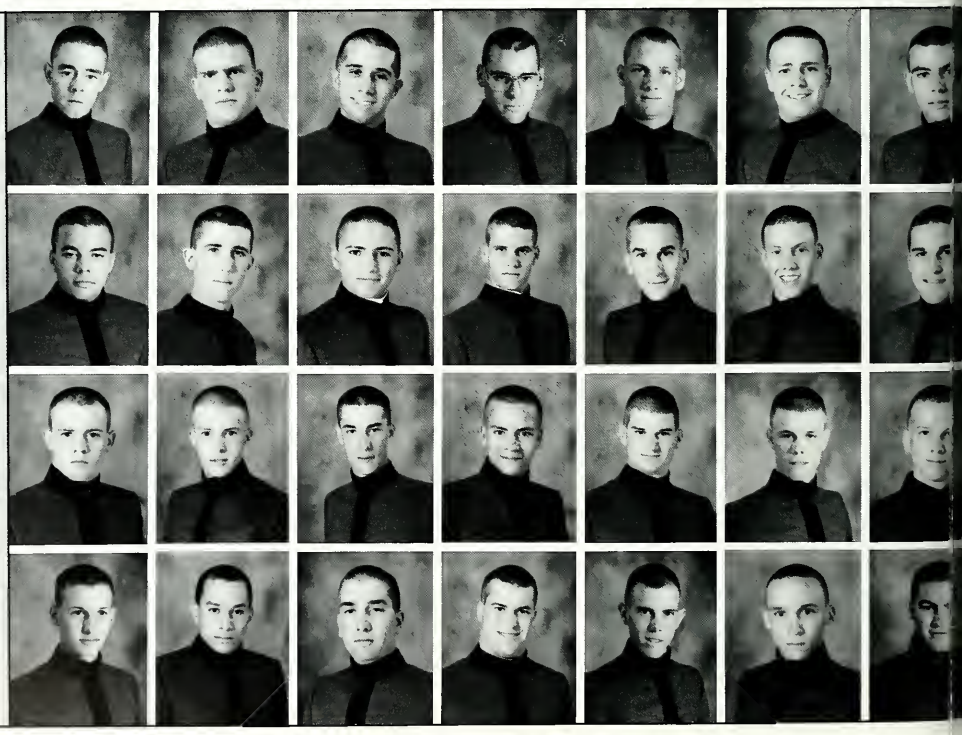

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Stephen J. Dudek
Charles Duke
Martin Dunn
Joseph Dupre

Jef Sauntry

◂◂Members of the rat mass wear their hair significantly shorter than upperclassmen. ◂and▾A rat's first Institute haircut is something less than a joyous occasion.

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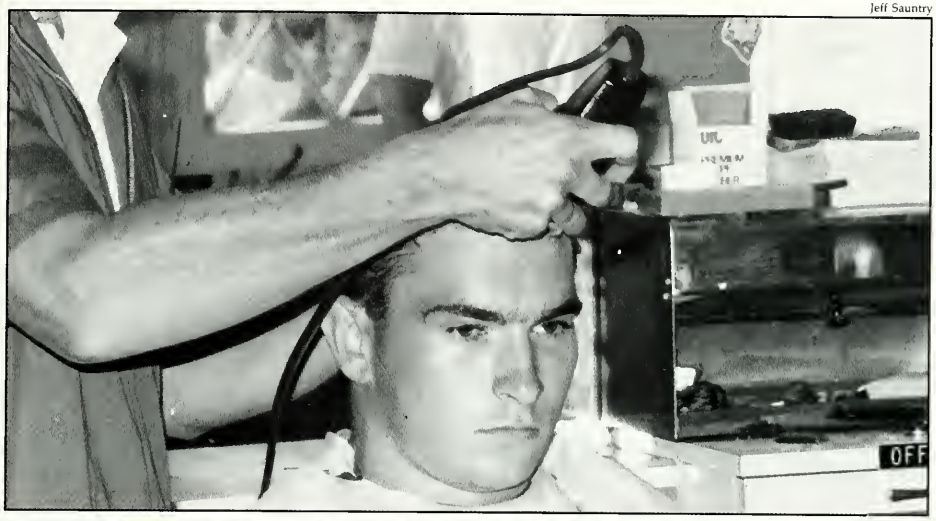

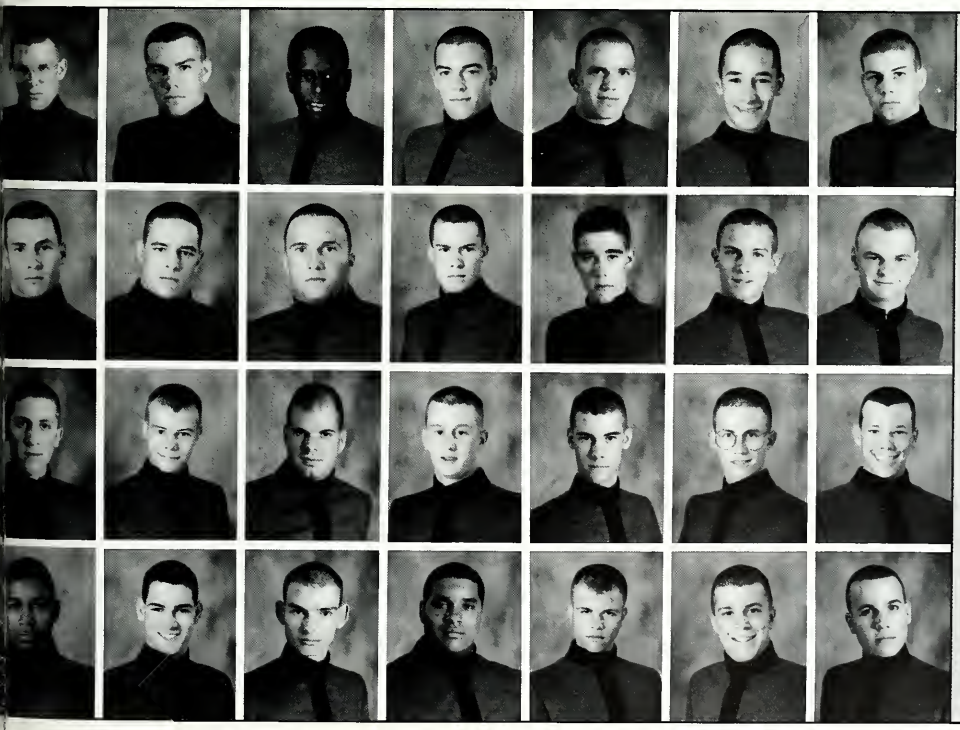

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Matthew Fedowitz
Danny Felty
Rob Fetterly

Addison Field
Donald Fix
Michael Fletcher
James Forester
Howedd Franklin
James Frank
Craig Freeman

James Gaston
Chris Gibson
Daniel Gilbert
Robert Gill
Chad Gilreath
Sean Goldsmith
John Goode

Spirit

Rah Virginia Mil

A cadet without his spirit is like a barber without his scissors. Somethings definitely missing. Take away the pride, furvor, and emotion of the cadet and the end result is a civilian in a dapper looking uniform. Fortunately, the Institute will have none of this. The best example is found at football games. Rats don their company spirit sheets while the corps salutes the crowd at midfield. As the game begins, so do school songs and class chants which continue throughout the entire contest. Following the game, the corps reaches an emotional climax in the prayer-like singing of the doxology. Many are moved as the corps exhibits a spirit so unique to any other school.

By Robert Browning

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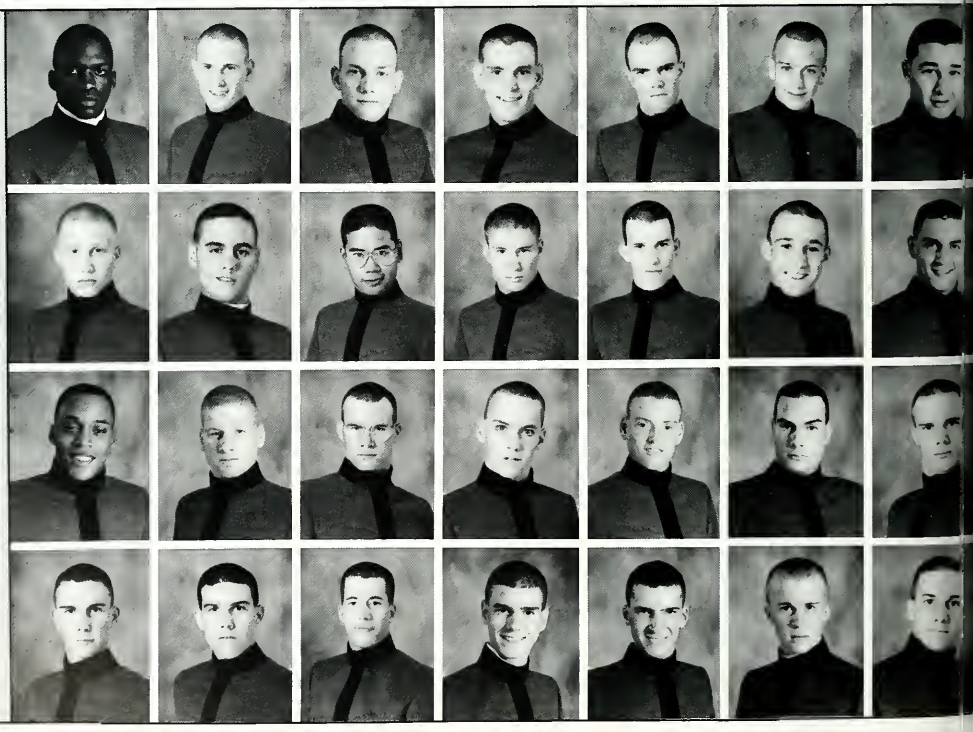

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Mark Hazelwood
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Brent Helmick
Edward Henning
John Herwick
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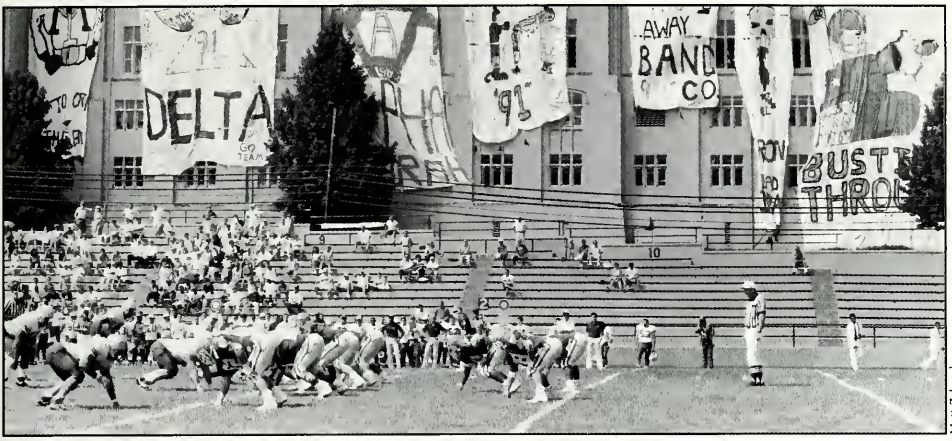
◂◂Never say die.
◂The rat mass does pushups after each Keydet score to show their spirit.
▾Spirit sheets made by each company may be viewed from the stands at Alumni Field.



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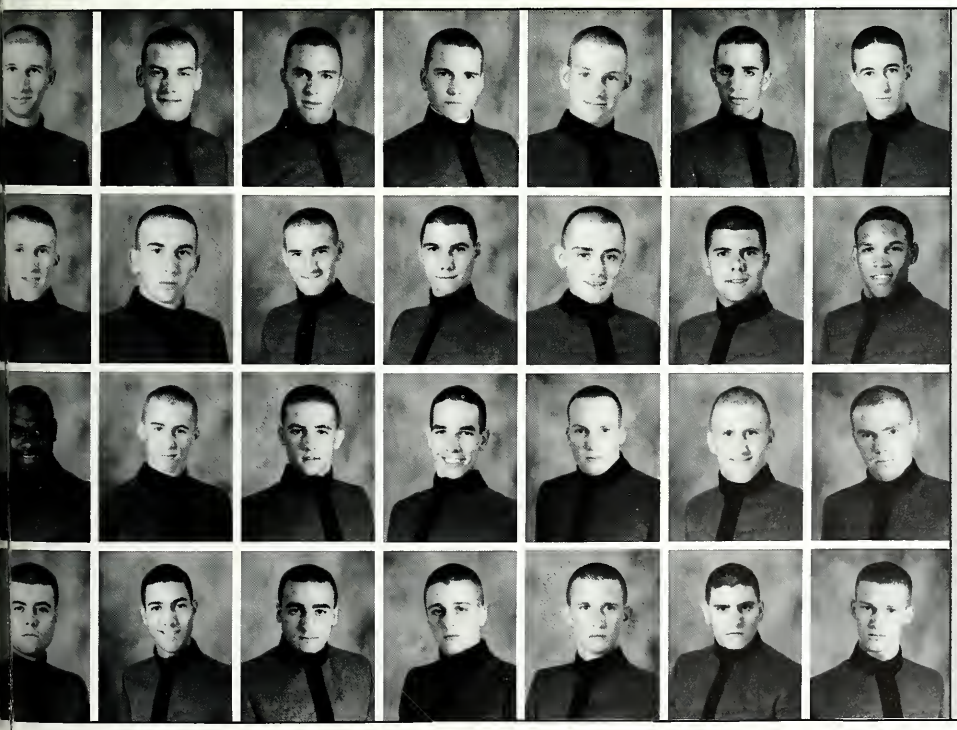

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Albert Jennings
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Michael Johnson
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Thomas Johnson
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Roger Jones
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▸▸The Keydet kangaroo; an Institute attraction. ◂For many, parent's weekend is the first time that family members see their sons in uniform. ▾Freedom? It's finally here.

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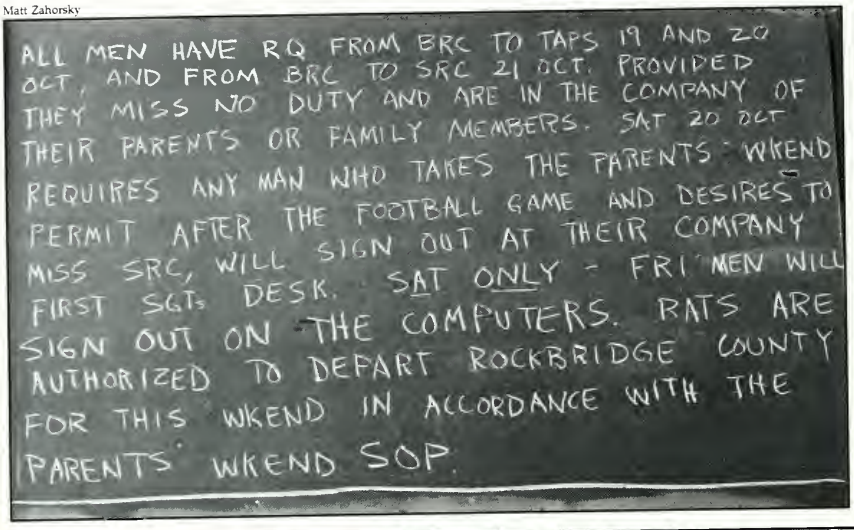

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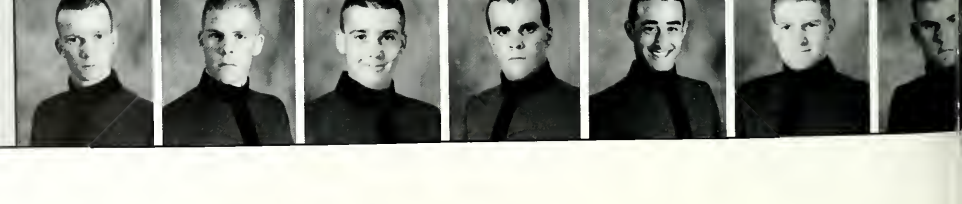

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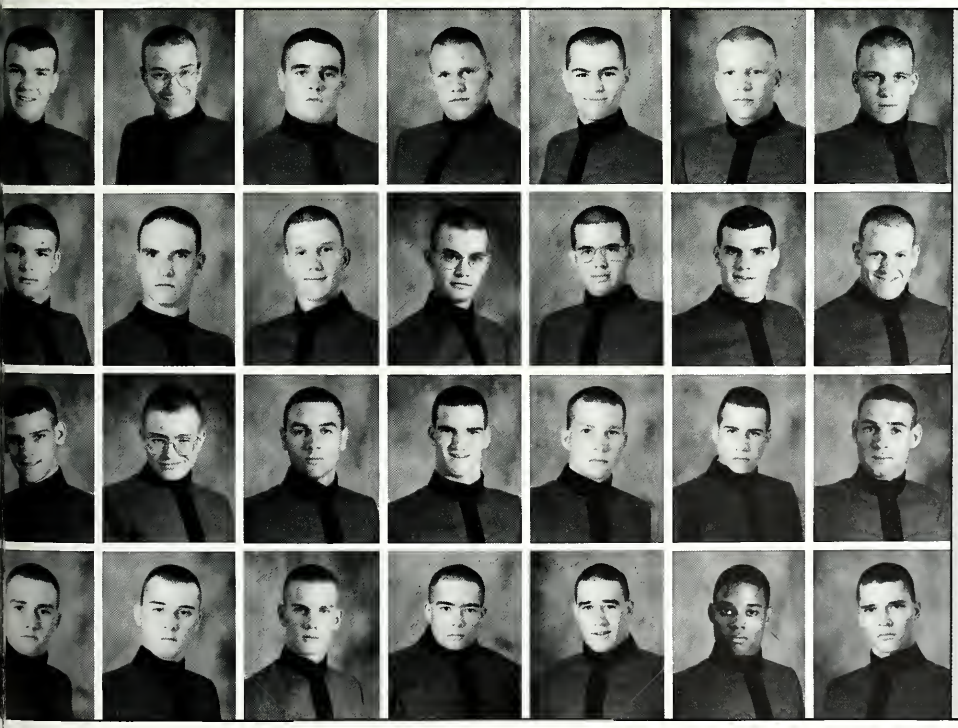
Parent's Weekend

My son has no hair!

A rat's life can be lonely to say the least. So, when parents weekend arrived, the rat mass waited in eager anticipation. But the son that mom and dad left behind was no where to be found. He had been transformed into an enheartened enthusiast of the Institute itself. Families met and a quick hug and firm handshake said it all. Underneath the brass and the spit-shined shoes was a son sincerely happy to see his parents. The football game was characteristic of the entire weekend. The Keydets pummeled West Virginia Tech in an outstanding display of skill and preparation. The weekend passed quickly but was one that left a smile on the face of the rat.

By Robert Browning



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The First Rat Sentinel

Rats take on responsibility

With the introduction to the Institute, comes a variety of responsibilities. One, in particular, is the marching of the sentry post. So, when the time came for the rats to assume this responsibility, the three older classes were in for a real treat. Traditionally, the first rat to represent his class in marching post is swamped by the first class. They shred his uniform, drowned him in shaving cream, and leave him utterly humiliated for the corps to see. Unfortunately, Rat Johnson fell victim to the first class. To the dismay of the upper three classes, the rat mass executed an unsuccessful attempt to reach the first stoop where Rat Johnson stood. The entire debacle was one of excitement and anxiety.

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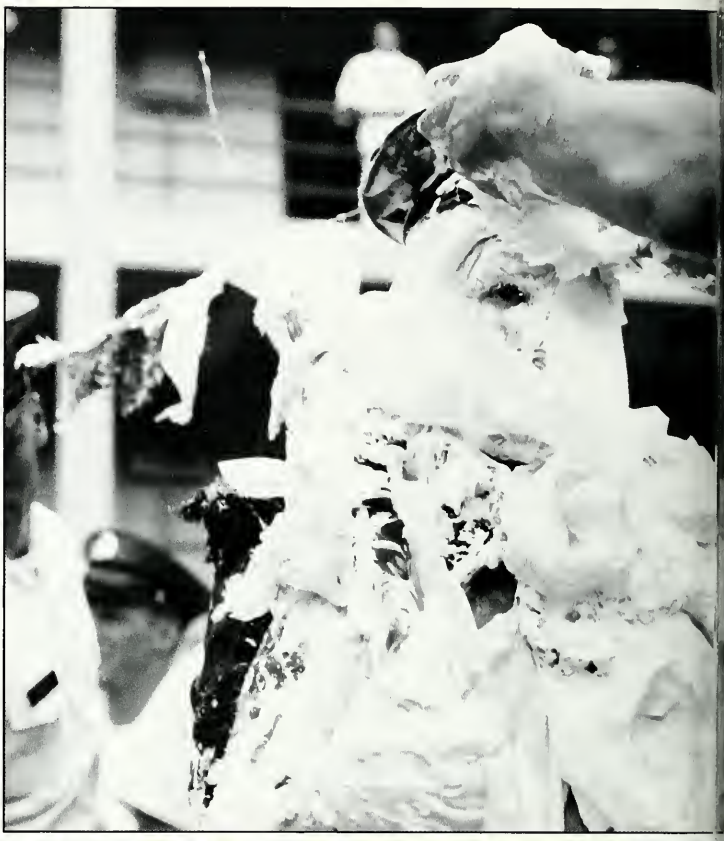

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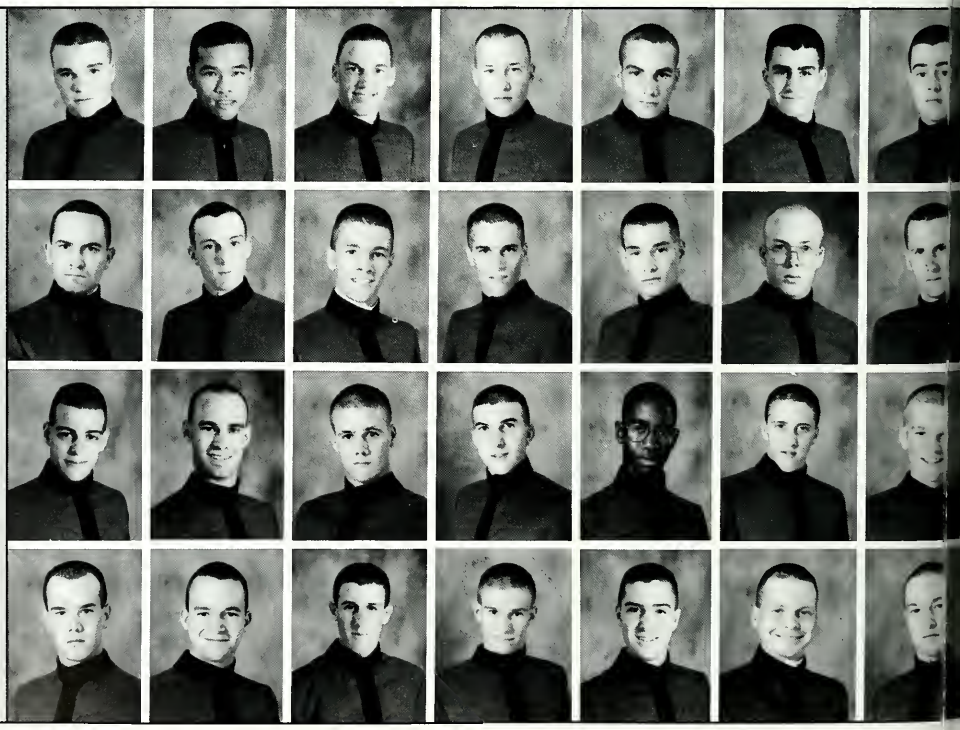

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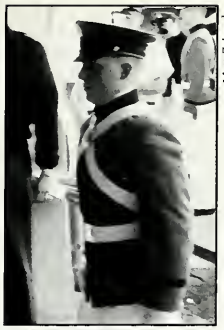

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◂◂Rat Johnson faces the consequences of being the first rat sentinal.
◂Rat Johnson prepares to march post number one.
▾The first class gathers to rape the first rat sentinel in the old courtyard.

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THE INSTITUTE WILL BE HEARD FROM TODAY!

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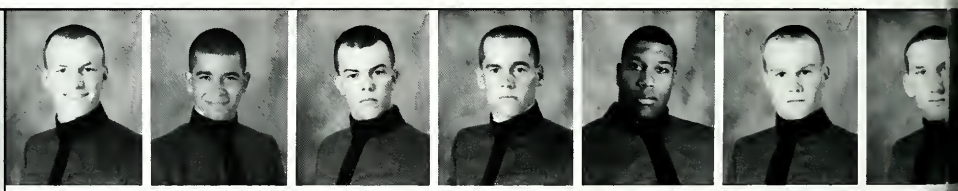

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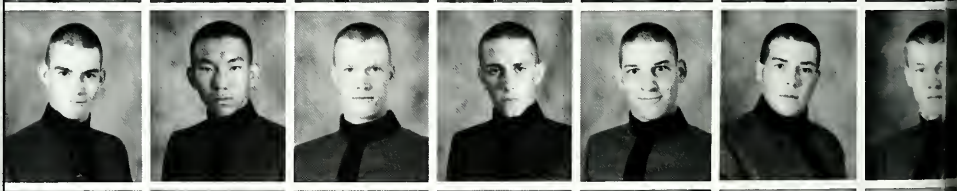

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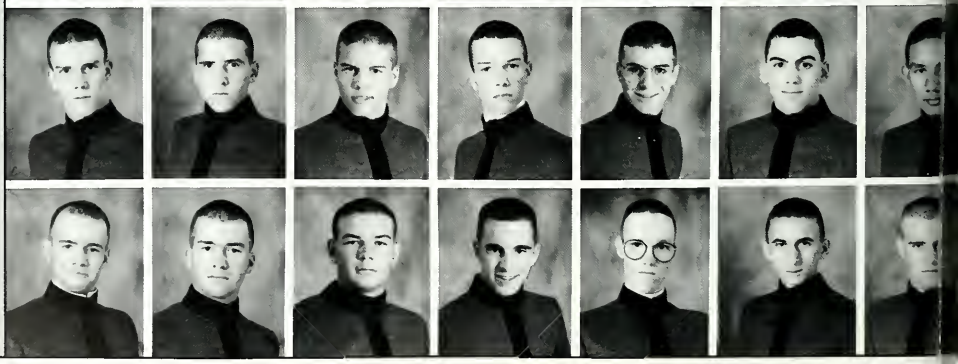

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Duty Calls

Cadets fight in the Gulf

As the Persian Gulf crisis thickened, numerous reserve units were called up. In the process, two brother rats, Harrison Kelly and Joseph Davis, were summoned to fight for our country. They were proud to fight but sorry to leave their brother rats. We stood side by side as we all progressed through the obstacles of the rat line. The pain came often and the pressure was intense, but Harrison and Joey endured as well as any. Now our country was calling and they answered this call. They left barrack's life but carried with them the thoughts of loving, hurting, and hoping with their brother rats. Since gone, the bond of the brother rat extends to Saudi Arabia. Harrison and Joey have our full support as they constantly remain in our thoughts. Proud to say they represent the Institute, the rat mass of 1994 wishes the best of luck to Harrison and Joey.

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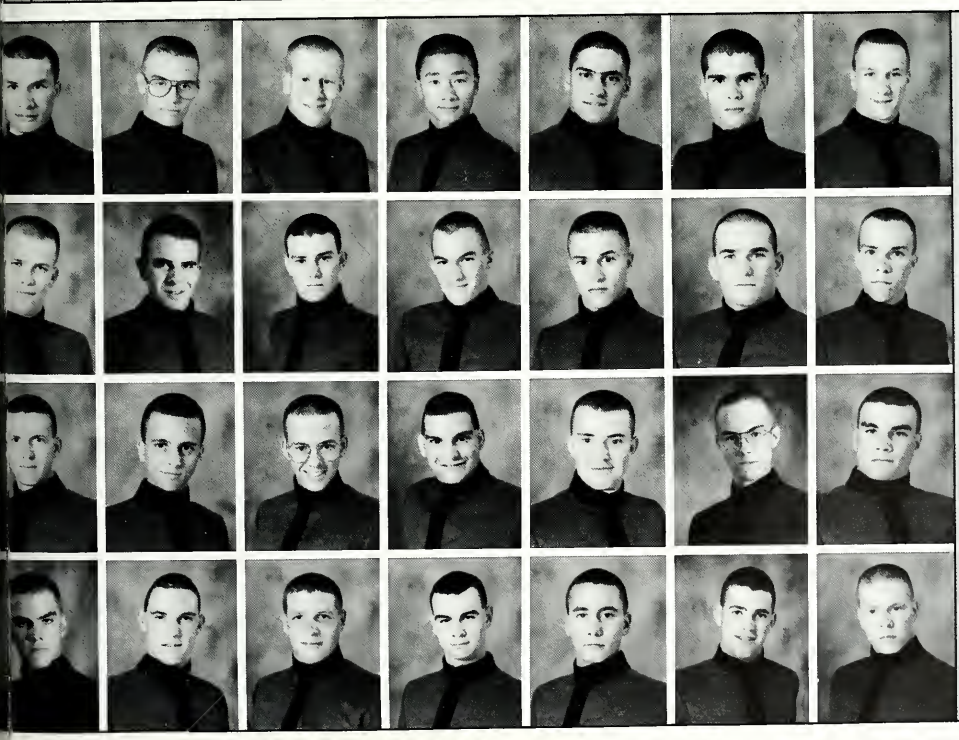

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Kevin Warfield
Michaele T. Weaver
Chris A. Webb
James Webb

▸Chris Cruz issues a rat his rat bible in the racquetball courts in Cameron Hall.
▾Josh Pollen and Golf company rats attempt to retrieve a lost rat bible from RDC member Chris Cruz.

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▾Rats recite knowledge from their rat bibles on the fourth stoop.

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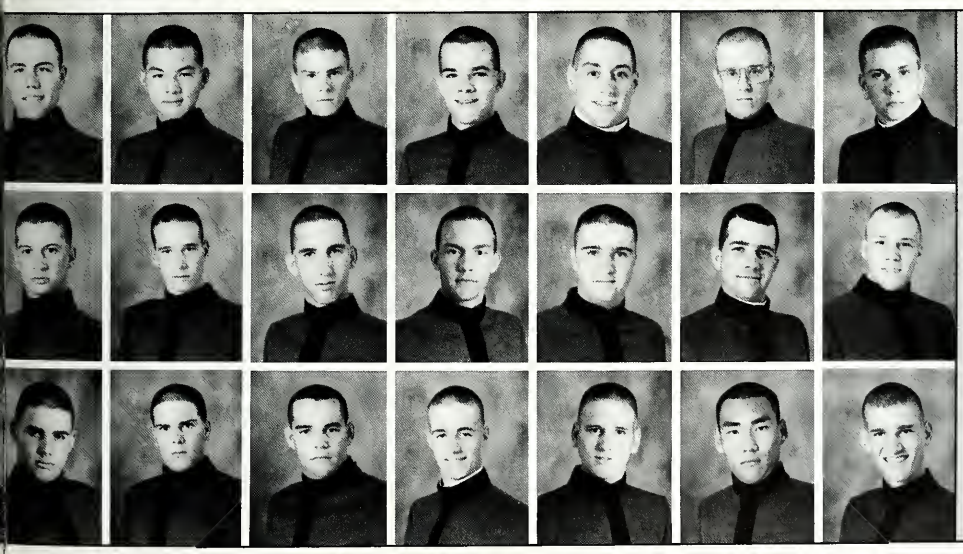
Rat Bibles

The most prized possession

In the past, of all tools which the Institute utilized in it's training and shaping of a rat mass, perhaps the most effective was the Bullet, better known as the rat bible. This year's rat mass found that this was still the case. They received their rat bibles from the Rat Disciplinary Committee, in much the same manner as their dykes had three years before. Taken to the racquetball courts by their cadre, they were sent into the courts in groups of two and three. Once inside, they received their Bullets from the hands of screaming RDC members who left no doubt in the minds of the young rat-ties as to the importance of their new found tomes.

The rats soon found, at least as far as the RDC and their cadre were concerned, that virtually everything they needed to know, such as the Honor Court to the schedule of bugle calls, was in their rat bibles. They learned that it was their duty as rats to learn every piece of information in their Bullets, or face the RDC as punishment for their discrepancies.

By Mitch Tibbals



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Christopher Woodfin
Gerald Wright
David Wyant
Alan Yankowsky
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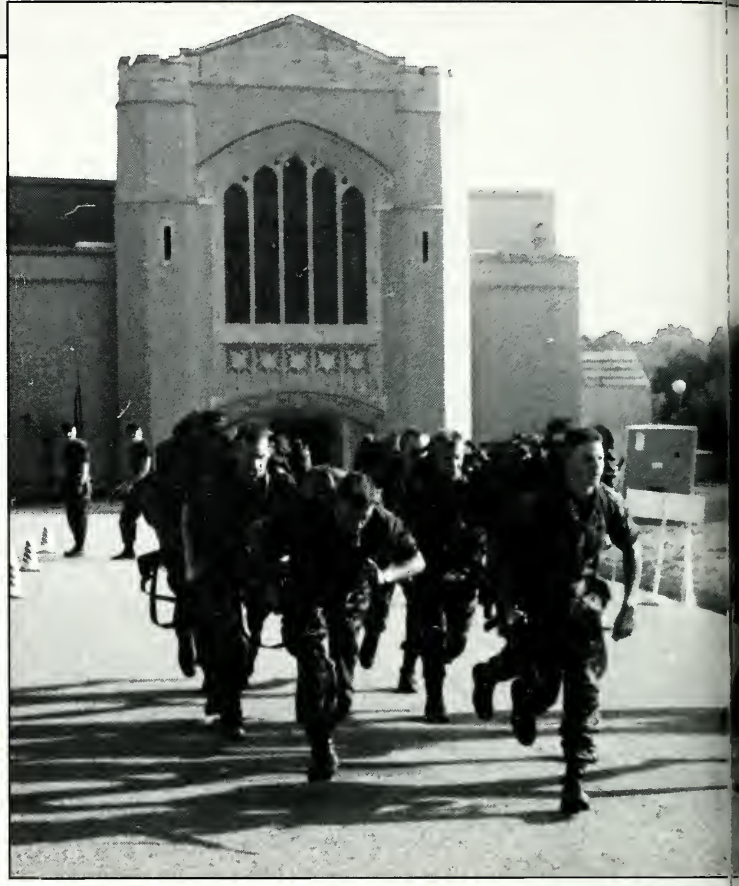
▸ This Ranger team is just completing the grueling 10 kilometer "ruck run."
▾ Joel Coleman practices the assembly and disassembly of the M-16 and M-60.



International Club

Since the International Club's glorious inception three years ago, the club's members have gained in the Club's mission. The international Club was originally founded to give foreign students, who were few then, a chance to exchange cultural ideas with interested cadets. In addition, the club also provided opportunities to participate in cultural events at other schools.

The Club's fifty members have actively participated in all activities this year and continue to have a great time.

The VMI International Club has been very active in the 90-91 school year.

RANGER CHALLENGE

By David Womack

Before this years Ranger Challenge Brigade competition at Fort AP Hill, some other teams competing did not respect the threat the three teams from VMI offered. The other competitors soon learned respect the old fashioned way, through defeat. Led by coaches Cpt. Lovejoy and SSG. Haeburn the Army ROTC cadets from VMI placed 2nd 3rd and 4th out of a field of approximately thirty teams. Competing in such events as a 10k ruck run, physical fitness test, marksmanship, one rope bridge and a grenade assault course, VMI performed exceptionally well. The VMI Ranger challenge teams prepared for the competition by training continuously. VMI's teams gave up several weekends training, and Captain Lovejoy's and SSG. Haeburn's early morning PT sessions became legendary. "Two zero form" became a common occurrence along with everlasting nicknames such as "Roadside" and "Tree Bravo Kilo". The sacrifice paid off, and VMI will field a team in the Regional Competition at Fort Bragg, North Carolina in March.

Competitors learned respect the old-fashioned way, through defeat.

The Semper Fi Society helps to prepare cadets for commissioning in the USMC.

Semper Fi Society

The Semper Fi Society is the organization for cadets who are pursuing a commission in the United States Marine Corps. The Society plays an active role in preparation for service in the Corps. This preparation is achieved through several activities throughout the year, ranging from traditional ceremonies, to actual training in the field. Society members played active roles in the Navy-Marine Birthday Ball and in the training of the Special Operations and Bulldog platoons.

▸ *The VMI Cadet — America's favorite alternative to Charmin.*
▾ *The Cadet Staff — enough said!*

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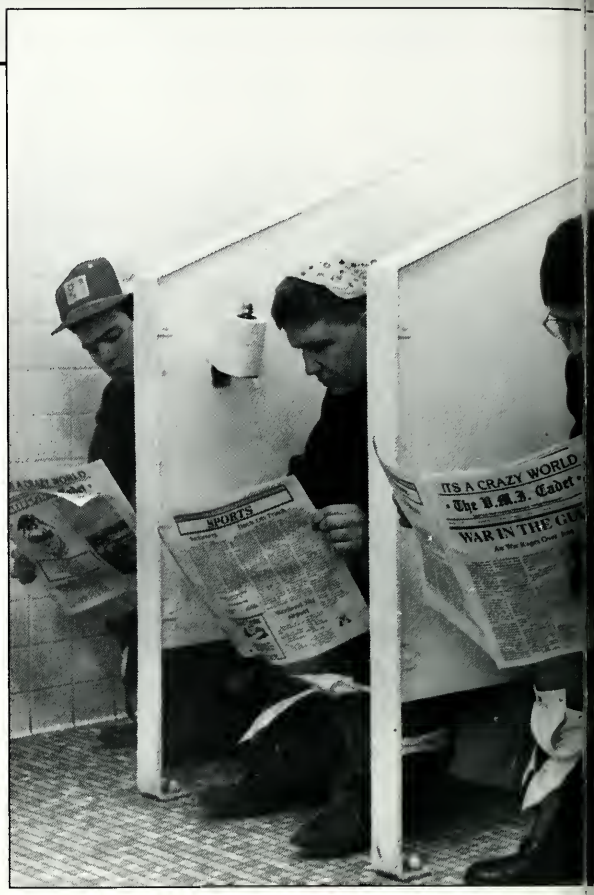


English Society

Call us Ishmaels. the vmi english society is good. We like it cause it makes us more good at writin. And believe you me, we's ain't foolin around none, jerky! Lootenet Kernel Alan "Gonna-bone-ya" Baragona is our intrepid leader. Engineers Baaaaaad. Scott-Shipp goooooood. A thousand points of light, the long gray line . . . whatever. We got it all. We aspired to the INstitute such po-its as Allen Ginsberg, and when he did come, it was very good. We showed many movies too.

The VMI English Society a. k. a "The Den-Heads."

CADET NEWSPAPER

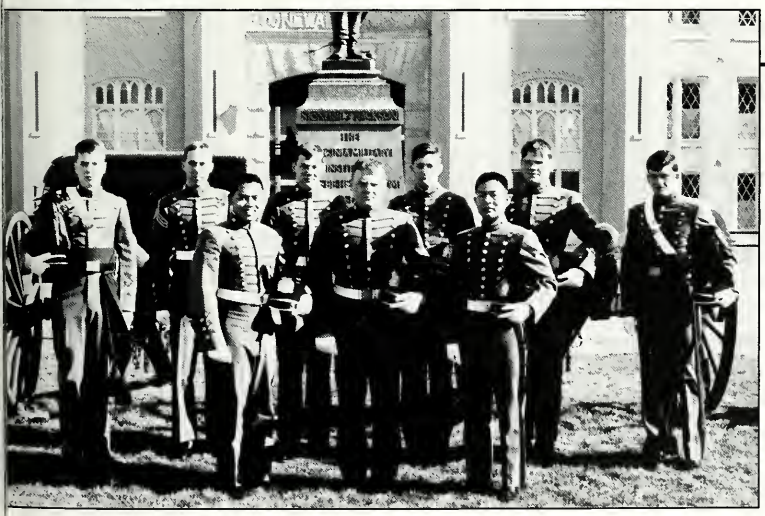
By Frank Louthan & Chris Barnes

Every Friday afternoon after parade, cadets flock to the concourse for the latest edition of the voice of the Corps: The VMI Cadet. The Cadet has been billed as, "One of America's Most Male Chauvinistic College Newspapers," "One of America's Most Synchronized and Covert College Newspapers," and occasionally, "One of America's Most Insipid and Offensive College Newspapers." All of these epithets aptly describe the roles that this student publication plays for the VMI community.

This year being no exception, The Cadet has lived up to its roles in the wake of change and outright obstinateness. Having switched to an in-house desktop publication system, The Cadet staff has tried to produce a newspaper superior to those of years past.

The 1990-91 staff has spent a good part of the year seeking an "identity". Facing a new administration, The Cadet has been subjected to accusations that it is not truly a representative of the opinions of the Corps. The Cadet remains a publication where all ideas, gripes, suggestions, and the like are welcome. Good luck to next year's staff, and remember . . . "The Cadet: A Superior Publication."

"We're a College Newspaper, and We're O. K."



The Cadet Battery is charged with the presentation of cannonades to VMI visitors.

Cadet Battery

The Cadet Battery of the past few years has been only a Salute Battery, charged with the preparation for and the giving of cannonades to ranking officers and officials who visit VMI. They also maintain the five 105mm Howitzers located on post.

Under the supervision of CPT Gary A. Morgan, members of the battery receive instruction in the traditional tactics of artillery. One FTX per semester allowed cadets to participate in live-fire exercises with a real artillery battery.

▾This is the VMI Glee Club. Singing is a great way to relieve Institute stress, and this group does it very well!

Dive Club

The Dive club consists of VMI's premier water lovers. The dead calm of the underwater world bekons to these men, and they take to it like natural seals. VMI offers a two hour scuba class to cadets, and it is here that club members usually get their first taste of breathing underwater. Several field trips are planned in the near future, including the local quarrys and even a trip to the beautiful North Carolina waters.

▴Joe Kolowski, Scott Smith, and Bill Buckner pose for a picture after a long day under water c the diving club.

GLEE CLUB

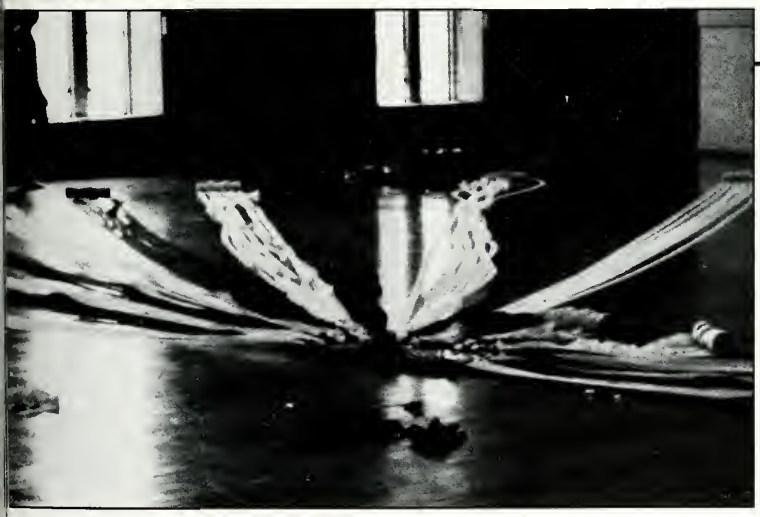
By Greg Booth

The VMI Glee Club, under the direction of Cpt. John C. Hickox, has been given a new life with vigor, trips to ever-popular women's colleges, and spring break tours to the sunny and sandy beaches of Florida. That's right gentlemen - the Glee Club does get its share of excitement.

Many cadets in the Corps look at the Glee Club and laugh. Perhaps this is because it is not considered "macho". Goodness knows why. Alumni who, as cadets, stood on the risers for the club include former Commandants Col. David Harbach and Col. William Dabney, former Assistant Superintendant Col. Leroy Hammond, and VMI's current Superintendant Maj. Gen. John Knapp. Appropriately, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Glee Club, close to 50 alumni, some of flag rank joined to sing some of their old favorites.

The Glee Club continues to look forward to the trips to the womens' colleges as well as trips elsewhere to get themselves geared for SPRING BREAK TOUR. Future tours . . . California or maybe even EUROPE!!!

During its fifty or so years, the Glee Club has been singing for presidents, local colleges, and numerous other important occasions.



t might not look like much now, but before long, the gym will be filled with streamers like these, uch to the hard labors of Hop & Floor.

Hop and Floor

The VMI Hop and Floor Committee is assigned the task of making every hop memorable. They have the duties of setting up the stage for the bands, decorating the dullness of Cocke Hall and setting up chairs for the distinguished faculty and administrators of the Corps.

The week of each hop, all members meet every day for military duty. During this time the members roll out the carpets, set up the stage and lights and most importantly, add life to the gym with red, white and yellow streamers.

Each hop is greeted eagerly by the Corps, and it is through the effort of this club that we are able to truly enjoy ourselves. So thanks again to a club that is overlooked, but very important!

▸Standing left-right: Cadet Thomas F. Austin III '91, Dan Stendig, Cadets John F. Weeda '93, Benjamin R. Dorman '91, George E. Petty III 91, Sharon Peters, Norma Stotz, Melou Piegari
Seated: Cadet Alan Duda '91, Dana Lynn Booth

Sounding Brass

Sounding Brass is the literary magazine of the VMI Corps of Cadets. The magazines goal is to promote and express the creative characteristics of the Corps. First published in 1966 under the direction of T.Y. Greet, the magazine continues to be published once during each academic year. The cadet staff of Sounding Brass is chosen annually with the editor and faculty advisor holding a seat on the Cadet Publications Board. Sounding Brass recognizes those cadets whose poems, prose, or artwork express the most literary or artistic merit with the Bruce W. Undercoffer '76 Memorial Awards. Selection for these awards is made by members of the English and Fine Arts Department.

▴Cadets Jeff Pence and Chris Watkins(editor) help decide what works of art are to go into the Sounding Brass.

VMI THEATRE

By Jason Held

Unlike most college drama groups, the VMI Theatre is not an academic department, but an extra-curricular cadet activity. Its casts, crews, production and administrative staffs are composed of cadets and friends from the VMI-Lexington-Rockbridge community, who share their time and talent to create productions in limited facilities, on limited time schedules. Now in its twentieth consecutive season, the VMI Theatre continues to be supported by appropriations from the Cadet Activities Fund and private donations to the VMI Foundation, Inc., Billy "Possum" Colonna, '14, Theatre Fund.

VMI Theatre 1990-'91 Playbill

Fall- DOUBLES

A rowdy and appealing play about male camaraderie and tennis by David Wiltse.

Winter- THE DIVINERS

A compelling rendering of humor and horror in rural southern Indiana by James Leonard, Jr.

Spring- CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

A cheerful game of mystery, homicide, & red herrings by Jack Weinstock & Willie Gilbert.

. . . who share their time and talent to create productions in limited facilities, on limited time schedules.

The main focus of the RAC is to give cadets as many opportunities as possible to have spiritual experiences.

Religious Activities

The Religious Activities Committee is responsible for all religious activities the Corps is involved in. This year the committee was made up of the leaders of every religious organization on post and a central council. The council members were Lee Clark- Treasurer, Dan Shipley- Chief of Staff, Chris Daniels ACIA, and Ed Dunnington- CIC. The RAC goes to the state and national prayer breakfast as well as playing a major role in the Virginia and National Student Leadership Conferences. In addition, the RAC plans the annual Religious Emphasis Weekend here at VMI. This year, the weekend, which was put under the direction of Brian Snider, was the best that VMI has ever seen.

▸ The Cadet Investment Club participates in working the stock market, often performing better than professional firms.

Promaji Club

The Virginia Military Institute's Promaji Club was founded in 1972 by the first group of black cadets to matriculate in 1968. There was a great deal of social movement at that time and the black cadets felt they needed an organization that would help the rest of the Corps to better understand the differences and similarities between the men of the "I." From that idea, the Promaji club was founded. Promaji, meaning "togetherness" in Swahili, also opens a clear channel of communication between black cadets, the administration, and the Lexington Community.

▲Here is the Promaji Club, an organization specializing in the promotion of black awareness at VM

INVESTMENT CLUB

By Peter V. Brindley

The investment group is a recent addition to the vast cadet activities at VMI. In six short years the group has advanced from a few cadets with an interesting idea to an organization that enhances the VMI experience.

This year the group is led by Cadet Peter V. Brindley, a Civil Engineering major, and by Cadet Scott Burch, a Business and Economics major. The group held its annual training sessions in early September. These sessions concluded with a comprehensive exam to determine the group's future members. By mid-September the group began investing in the stock market, choosing stocks with great care.

Economic turmoil and recent events in the Middle East have made the stock market unpredictable. Even though these troubles exist, the group still continues to prevail by securing impressive returns.

The investment group is an enjoyable and educational experience. Cadets learn how to invest in the stock market and how to better comprehend present economic conditions. In the future the group will continue to be successful in it's investments as well as giving cadets the opportunity to expand their financial knowledge.

Today cadets still achieve success in their financial endeavors and continue to strive towards both educational and monetary achievements.

at Woooomack runs strong on his leg of the relay. Not even the heat of Ft. Benning, GA can stop s flag from reaching it's destination.

Road Runners

Those crazy men you see everyday leaving post in pt. gear and coming back hours later, yes, they are the Roadrunners. They are the men who train for the marathon, the ultimate test of endurance, will, and desire. This year VMI was represented in two marathons . . . the Richmond and Marine Corps, in which all cadets finished. The Roadrunners even took up the slack of the Track Team and ran a 55 mile leg of a flag run from Arlington Cemetery to Ft. Benning, GA. The Roadrunners are a permanent thing on the VMI post and will continue to grow in years to come.

It is because of this hard-core group of workaholics that this materpiece was made possible. The VMI Bomb staff worked many days and many nights to produce the yearbook.

ASCE

The American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter enables many CE majors the opportunities to gain a better perspective of the profession they are pursuing. Approximately 130 cadets are members of the ASCE student chapter. The cadets participate in many extra curricular activities sponsored by the ASCE. These activities include seminars and conferences on civil engineering practices and problems. The chapter also competes against other student chapters throughout the Virginias. They also have its own news letter called the "Plug -N- Chug", which provides cadets news of upcoming events, faculty interviews, helpful hints, and humor. The high reputation of the VMI chapter will continue into the future due to the dedication and hard work of the CE cadets and faculty!

▲VMI's ASCE student chapter has developed the reputation of being one of the premier chapt s in the Virginias.

BOMB STAFF

By Lee Bewley

Given a 55,000 dollar budget, hundreds and hundreds of layouts, thousands and thousands of copy lines, and a working staff of about ten while not given time enough to work and incentive, the BOMB staff strived to produce a truly high quality production.

The BOMB staff consists of the Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, Managing Editor, and individual section editors. The EIC and Business Manager are members of the Cadet Publications Board. All work for the BOMB is done in the Concourse of Barracks in the BOMB Room.

The beginning of the year showed much promise. The staff possessed some very seasoned staff members and the EIC and Business Manager had just previously completed the highly successful RING FIGURE MAGAZINE '91. As could be expected, the honeymoon of the staff the yearbook soon wore thin as the many constraints of the Institute and Cadet Publications operated at full throttle. Fortunately, tenacity and devotion to duty, though sometimes warped, still have some meaning in the BOMB Office. Enjoy!

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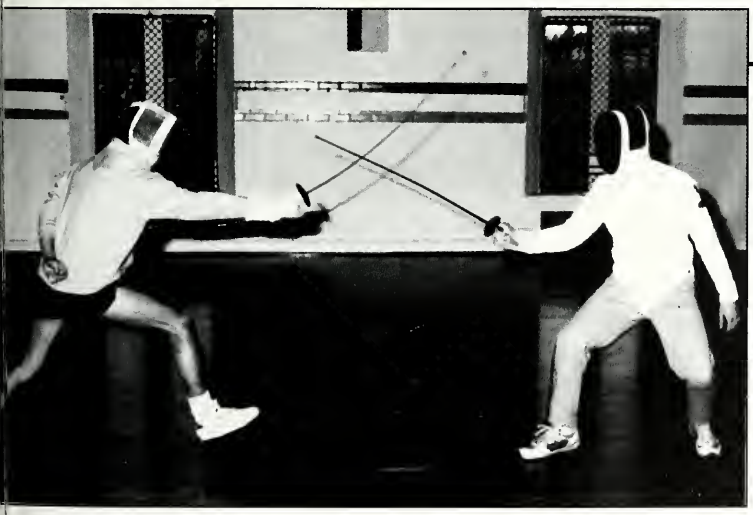


▲Cadets on the fencing team practice their maneuvers in Cocke Hall during Military Duty.

Fencing

This year was a season of much development and improvement. With an increased interest in the sport from the previous years, the team received a variety of fresh new blood. The team also saw the development of some of it's older members, including Team Captains Alan Duda in foil, John Hale in epee, and Jason Held in Sabre. After many hours of drill and practice, the VMI fencing team launched itself into battle with big names like Johns Hopkins University, William & Mary, West Point, and the Naval Academy. With supervision from Col. Wingfield and Coach Ted Humphreys, the team has shown great improvement and is sure to be a fighting force to reckon with in the years to come.

ATTENTION *To Detail*

▸Coach Jim Shuck, former coordinator for Army has sparked a fire in the Keydet's football program.

▾VMI soccer had an exciting season which is building high hopes for the future.

Jeff Sauntry

SPORTS

Matt Zahorsky

◂CDT George Petty serves as VMI's spirit mascot during all sporting events. This mascot has a real affinity for West Point cadets.

Bob Townend

STICK MASTERS

LACROSSE

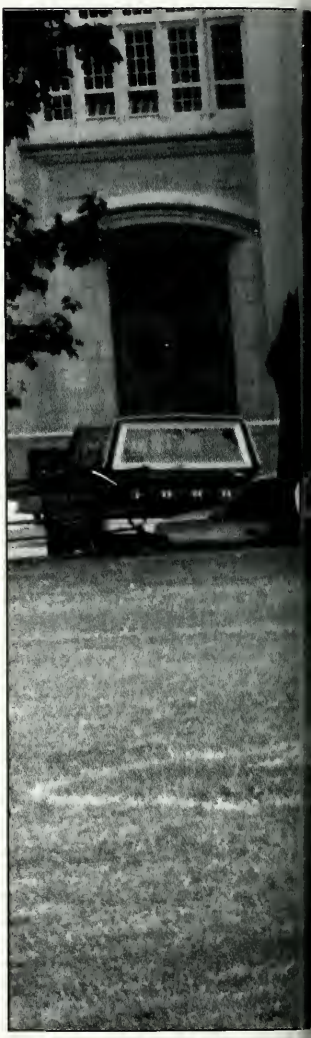
This year, the VMI Stickmen will face a most formidable schedule in their quest for a fifth consecutive winning season. Meetings with traditionally strong Division 1 programs including UVa, Penn State, UMBC, Georgetown, and a first-ever match with Ohio State, highlight what could prove to be one of the Keydet's most successful campaigns to date. Likewise, the Fourth Annual Lee-Jackson Classic is expected to be as exciting as ever, as the Keydets play host to neighboring Washington and Lee in an effort to retake the trophy which they have not held since 1989. Led by a large group of Firstclassmen, this team possesses a depth like none before it. The attack, featuring seniors Tim Nolan, Andrew Lawrence, and Kevin Helmick, promises to be a group which dominates the offensive end of the field and maintains a high point production throughout the season. At midfield, the team will look for seniors William Coleman and Pat Rohan, and Secondclassmen Dick Owens, Jim Myers, and John Williamson to control the field between the boxes. The defense is exceptionally strong and experienced, led by Firstclassmen John Duffy, Eric Hyde, and David Ahrens, and serves to protect Matt Ott, who will start for his second season in the goal. Head coach Doug Bartlett, in his sixth season at VMI, and newly acquired assistant coach David Hope (VMI '88) have high expectations for this year's team, and are working toward maintaining the level of excellence which has become a tradition.

The Fall 1990 season, including matches with Hampden-Sydney, Randolph Macon, and Lynchburg College, yielded a record of 2-1. The first fall scrimmage with Hampden-Sydney resulted in a disheartening defeat, but the next week, the team showed up to do some damage, as they soundly defeated both opponents in the VMI Fall Invitational Tournament.

By Andrew Lawrence

1991 LACROSSE TEAM

The 1990-91 VMI Lacrosse Team poses in front of Jackson's Statue.



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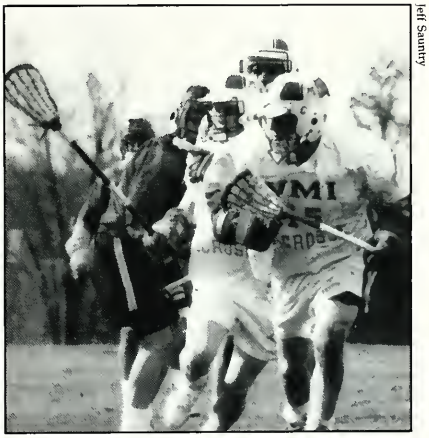
◂First Classman John Duffy charges behind the net on defense.
▾VMI Stickmen on the offensive.



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◂◂Defenseman David Ahrens provided the Lax Team with a bit of muscle.
◂The team regroups during a break in the action.

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TACKLING ADVERSITY

FOOTBALL

The 1990 VMI Football season began with many hopes and aspirations to be fulfilled. Coach Jim Shuck, his staff and players had set their sights on a winning season in 1990, and though they failed to achieve that goal, VMI football had many positives during the season. These positives were evident in the improved mark of 4-7, and a national ranking offensively.

The season began as early as spring drills in March 1990. The team workouts were strenuous and monotonous, but everyone worked for the simple goal of improving on the 2-8-1 record of the previous year. A hard workout routine and a rigid running program with Coach Coale helped initiate that building process to strengthen and improve the team.

The Keydets started the year with a convincing victory over the Catawba Indians 24-7. The Indians, although a NAIA opponent, outweighed the Keydets substantially. The wishbone and a swarming defense wore down the visiting Indians. The offense compiled 334 total yards and 258 rushing. Fullback Butch Jennings led all rushes with a 93 yard performance in which helped him to receive Freshman Player of the Week honors.

The second week of play, saw the Keydets take on Western Carolina Catamounts. The Keydets had high hopes starting the season with a 2-0 mark, but the Catamounts had other ideas after losing 49-0 to NC State the previous week. The game from the beginning was controlled by the Catamounts. As the wishbone stalled, so did the defense. Trailing 28-7 in the fourth quarter, the Keydets rallied before losing 28-20. Although the loss was hard to swallow, it was used as a learning tool by the players and the coaches in the upcoming Homecoming game the following week.

In week three, they Keydets came home to Lexington to battle James Madison University. The Dukes had a five game winning streak against the Keydets. The homecoming crowd of eight-thousand witnessed the VMI wishbone offense run 95 offensive plays to set a new school record

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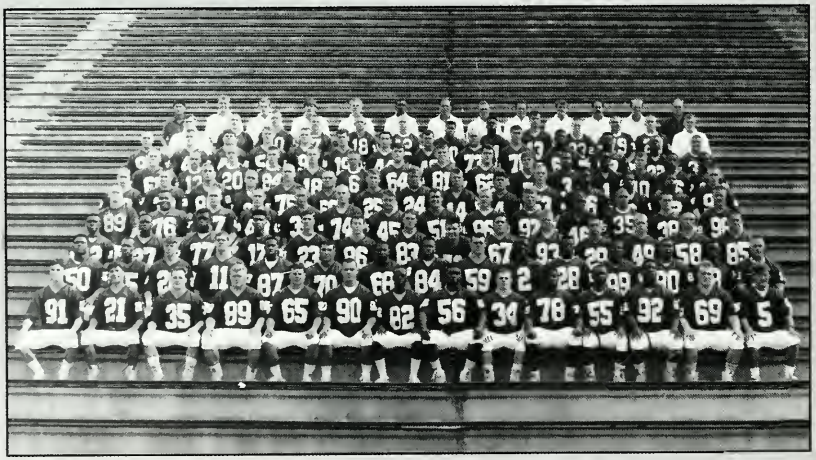
1990-91 FOOTBALL TEAM



The 1991 season contained some great moments, with some thrilling victories. It also had its share of tough defeats. This year saw to power of the wishbone offense and we actually saw some aspects of a growing passing game. Many passes were completed with the Scales to Lyle plays, while Markus Mines led the ground assault.

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◂▾A trio of VMI defenders tackle JMU quarterback Eriq Williams (#2) short of a first down during first quarter action in Lexington. From top to bottom: inside linebacker Raymond Flowers (#36), nose guard Dwayne Ross (#68) and outside linebacker Chris Keever (#45).

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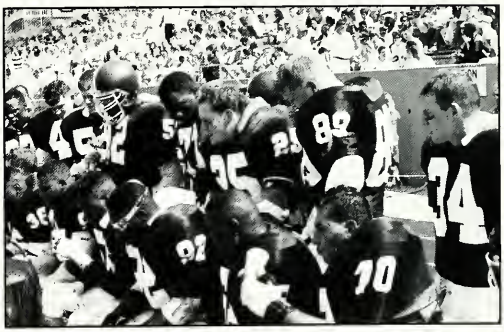

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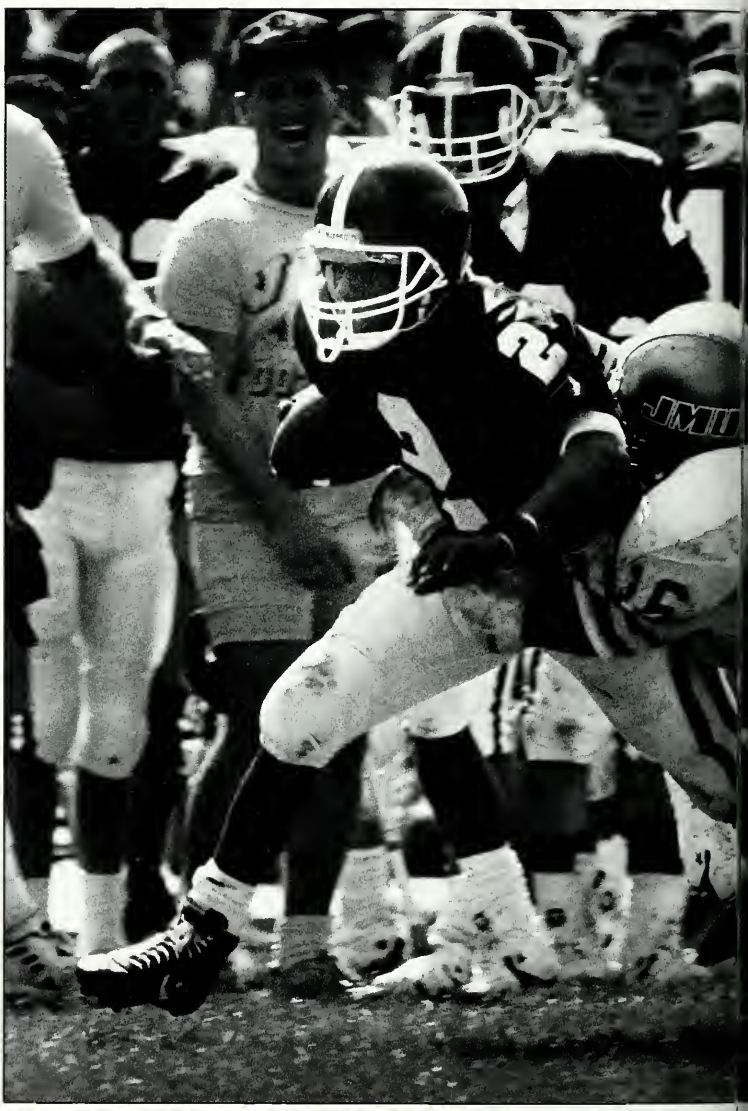
◂▴The VMI offense takes the ball on the ground through a swarm of tacklers. The team gathers to hear what Coach has to say about the upcoming series, and what to do in order to exploit the opposing teams weaknesses.

Keith Graham



▸VMI's quarterback, Tony Scales (#2) races around the right end for a first down in the third quarter as JMU's free safety, Upton Jackson (#16), makes the tackle. VMI won its Homecoming game 24-21.

▾Corey Jones prepares to crush the West Va. Tech quarterback during the Parent's Weekend game.

▸The VMI defense lines up against JMU during the Homecoming game.

▸The Keydets take it around the end.

FOOTBALL

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and one of the most astonishing come from behind wins in VMI history. The Keydets, down 21-7 in the third quarter, rallied behind sophomore Tony Scales 135 yard performance and a defense that buckled down to secure a victory. Tony Scales was named Southern Conference Player of the Week for his effort.

The following three weeks brought losses at the hands of Army, Furman, and William & Mary, but the wishbone attack made the victories difficult for all three opponents. Against Furman, the Keydets trailed 30-32 in the third period and had the ball inside the Paladin's ten yard line, but fumbled away a chance to tie the game. VMI rushed for 357 yards, the most a Furman defense has ever given up against a I-AA opponent. The William & Mary game was a wild one indeed! The Keydet offense rolled up 494 yards only to be outdone by the Tribe who compiled 535 total yards. Tony Scales passed for 4 touchdowns and also earned Player of the Week Honors.

The seventh game of the season was host to yet another record setting afternoon, as the Keydets faced West Virginia Tech.. The wishbone attack broke four school record with 570 total yards in offense. VMI also received national ranking offensively for the numbers put up during the weeks. In the next three games, the Keydets fell by the wayside. The Keydets lost three straight conference games and scored just ten points in the process, yet optimism was still high. The final week ended on a sweet note as the Keydets avenged the '89 season opener by defeating East Tennessee State Bucks 21-20. Coach Shuck still has reason for optimism in '91 because VMI's two deep chart showed just five players who will not return in August. Only one defensive starter is gone and thirty of the forty-four two deep players still have two years of eligibility remaining. This has Shuck smiling!!!!!

By Dap Tillery

Jeff Saunty

◂The team joins the Corps in the stands for the Doxology after JMU's defeat.

▸Charlie Petzold and Marty Chadwick line the lane for a free throw.
▾First Classman Greg Fitz gets ready to jam one home.

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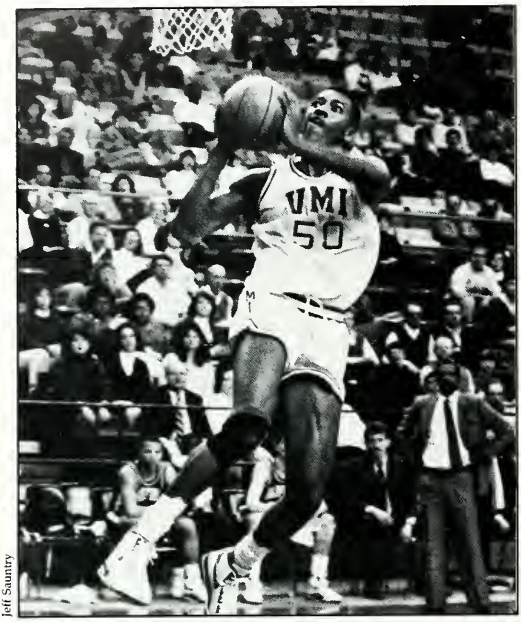

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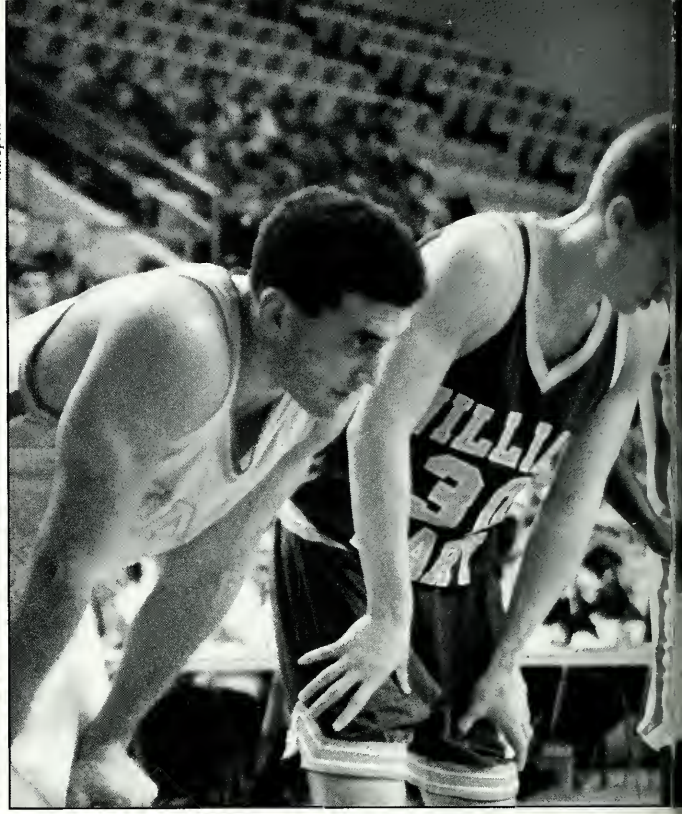


1990-91 BASKETBALL TEAM

The 1990-91 VMI Basketball Team, Coached by Joe Cantafio, poses in front of barracks.

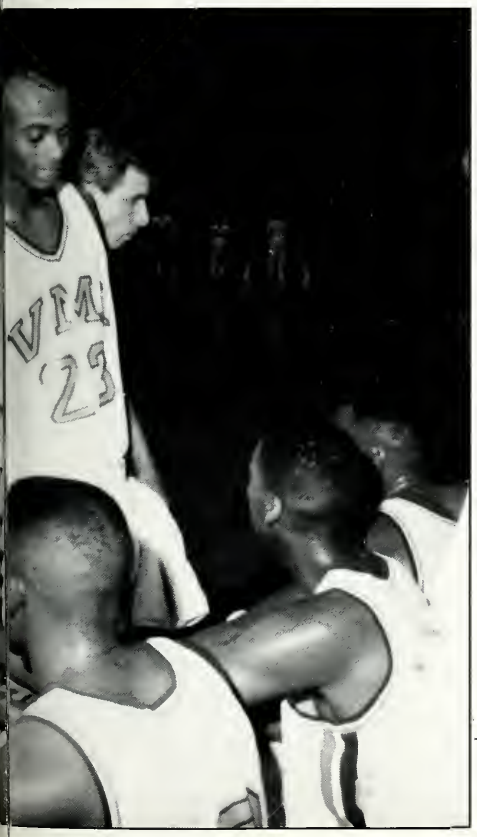
ON THE REBOUND

BASKETBALL

The VMI Keydet Basketball Team started its season with little fanfare or recognition. Many people had written off the Keydets and predicted they would finish dead last in the Southern Conference. Surprisingly, this was just the way Coach Joe Cantafio wanted it. The only remaining starters from last season were Percy Covington, one of the premier guards in the Conference, and Greg Fittz, fast becoming the top forward. Cantafio added junior transfer Erek Perry, center Lewis Preston, and guards Marty Chadwick and Kenny Johnson to form the new look for '91.

The highlight of the season was the outstanding performance of the team. They far exceeded the expectations of many people, particularly those that predicted them to finish last in the conference. Greg Fittz was the teams leading scorer, and during one stretch in late January he averaged more than 20 points a game. Percy Covington led the offense spectacularly, as expected, while several others emerged as solid offensive and defensive performers. Charlie Petzold showed he had the potential to replace Mark Craft as a tough, physical center, while Marty Chadwick showed much improvement in speed and shooting ability. Lewis Preston also continues to improve with every game, and Erek Perry has more than surpassed the expectations of many with his inside play. Rising stars Jonathan Penn, Juan Banks and Sean Spriggs look to contribute heavily to the future success of a team that will lose only one starter, Fittz, and one other player, perennial crowd pleaser Thad Tegtmeyer. While the 1990-1991 season may not have been a success to many, the Keydet Basketball Team showed that it was far from dead last.

By Chuck Story



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◂Co-captain Percy Covington snaps off a hot pass.

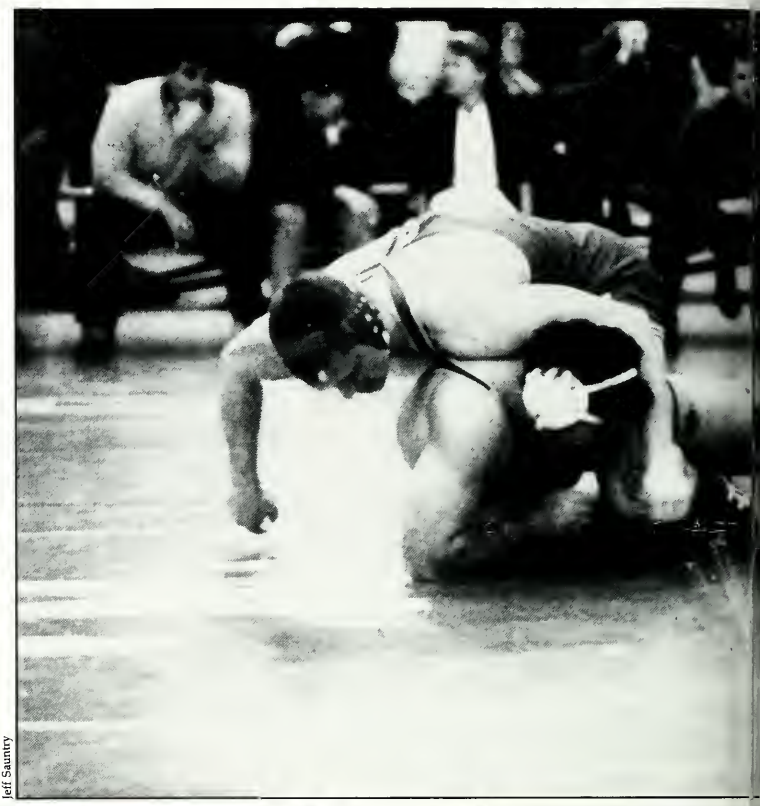
◂Coach Joe Cantafio regroups his team during a time-out.

YEAR OF GRAPPLING

WRESTLING

The 1990-91 Keydet wrestling team had two goals to accomplish in its season. First goal was to develop team leadership without the presence of a first classmen, the absence of a first classmen does not only make it difficult in the practice room but also up on the hill were the class system is enforced religiously. This system made it difficult for the team captains to communicate with the rats but with the addition of the S-6, things have gotten simpler. The second goal of the Keydet Grapplers was to post a winning season with a very young team. Coach John Trudgeon was confronted with a coaches nightmare as NCAA div. 1 wrestling goes. He was forced to put five of six rats into the line-up every time the team competed. The remaining portion of the team consisted of three Third classmen and two Second classmen. With such a young team the Keydets have been paying their dues. But that will give them an edge in the upcoming season.

By Jeff Clark



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▲▶VMI takes on App State. The rats on the team prove their worth and gain valuable experience for upcoming years.

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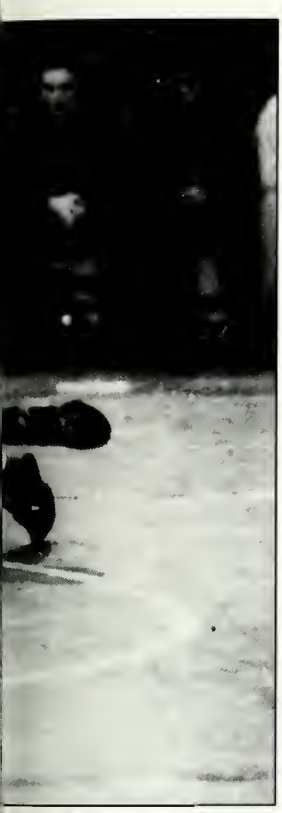
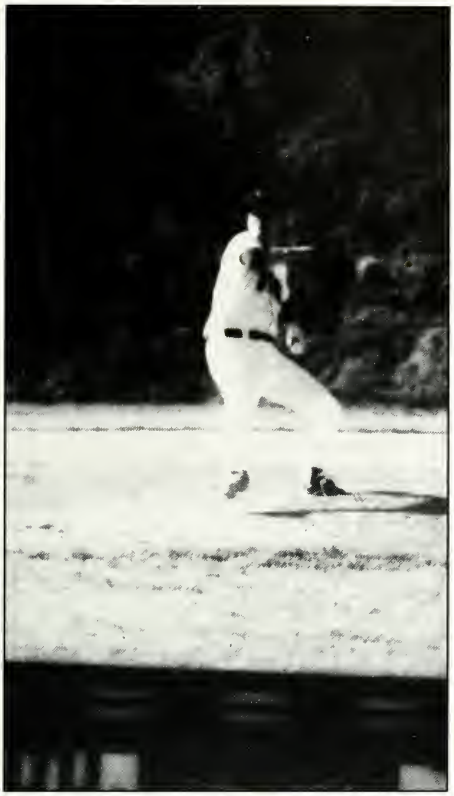
▲▶VMI wrestlers practice hard to pummel their opponents in competitions. Practice is often grueling and long but it pays off. Here the wrestlers try to perfect a maneuver.



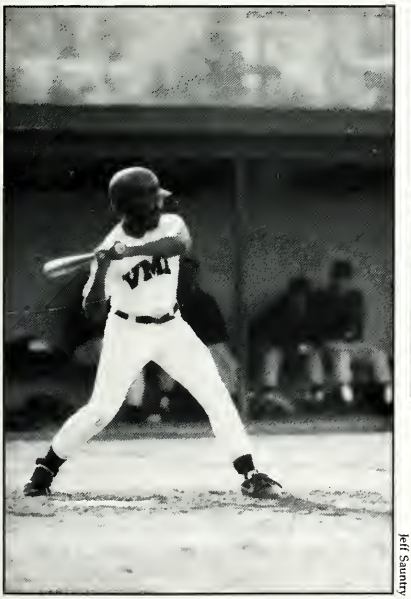


CATCH THE SPIRIT

BASEBALL

Baseball, a new generation of players. Of the 29 men presently on the roster there are only three firsts, and six seconds. Due to this, the team is working extra hard to overcome the lack of experience. This disease of inexperience can mostly be seen of the pitching staff. Out of the eleven man staff there are only two firsts, and one second. The rest of the burden will be carried by the young pitchers. Leading the squad this year on the pimple will be the twins, right hander Mike Doczi, and southpaw James Tavenner. Doczi, the old veteran of the crew is coming off a year break, after taking a mandatory sabbatical last year. Tavenner on the other hand played a key role in the Kedets season last year and looks to be a strong starter this spring. The only pitcher produced by the class of '92 is Pat O' Ferrall. The support group is starting to mold itself into a well shaped net, that does not have many holes to fix.

By Mike Dorzi



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◂Another base-hit for the Keydets.

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◂VMI's catcher comes out for a conference on the mound.

GONE WITH THE WIND

TRACK AND FIELD

Determination, hard work, and dedication characterize the 1990-91 cross country and track and field teams. Mike Bozeman is in his 6th season as VMI head track coach. In his 5 years as head coach he has won 3 Southern Conference titles. With Coach Bozeman's leadership ability, the 1991 track team should add another Southern Conference title to his list.

The 1991 Indooor track team will have its hands full trying to regain the title from arch rival App State. The Indoor track team will be competing without their two main weapons, Greg Hatchett and Mario Small, who have completed their Indoor eligibility. However, the Indoor track team will be relying on its 40 members for depth.

First classman Mike Naifeh will be in the spotlight for the 1991 season. Naifeh has established an Indoor VMI record in the shotput of 55′ 6″. The other first classmen who will dominate during the season are as follows: Rodney Edwards, LJ and TJ; Jeff Rudolph, 800 m and 400 IH; Dap Tillery and Matt Metheney, shotput; Mark Rumph and Shay Ferrell, triple jump; and Garett Thompson will be back in the high jump in Outdoor season.

The other outstanding athletes who will contribute to the 1991 season will be listed with their respective events. The pole vault event consists of Lance Yarborough, Keith Peloquin, Brian Southard, Chuck Pollock, Matt Bowers, and Joe Dobson. The sprinters and hurdlers show much promise for the future with the efforts of Esteban Frost, K.C. Bratton, J.C. Harris, Phil Watson, Sean Lanier, Darrin Evans, Marcus Mines, Tony Scales, and returning for Outdoor season to complete their NCAA eligibility, Small and Hatchett. The distance runners have made a noticeable impact on the year with Anthony Brinkley, Rich Falcone, Eddie Antoine, Jay King, Neil Hennigan, and the rats Presnell, Deason, Bolan, and Campbell. There is much depth in talent in the field events with Kevin McCluney, A.J. Bonoldi, Doug Robinson, David Remington, and rats Boehling, Harding, Ligday, Lynch, and Jennings.

By Jeff Rudolph

▸Third Classman Phil Watson leaps another hurdle on his way to victory.

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▸Greg Hatchett overtakes his opponent from ASU.

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▾First Classman Jeff Rudolph clears another hurdle.

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▴The VMI Meat-Men pose with MAJ Walker.

MUCH RACKET

SWIMMING

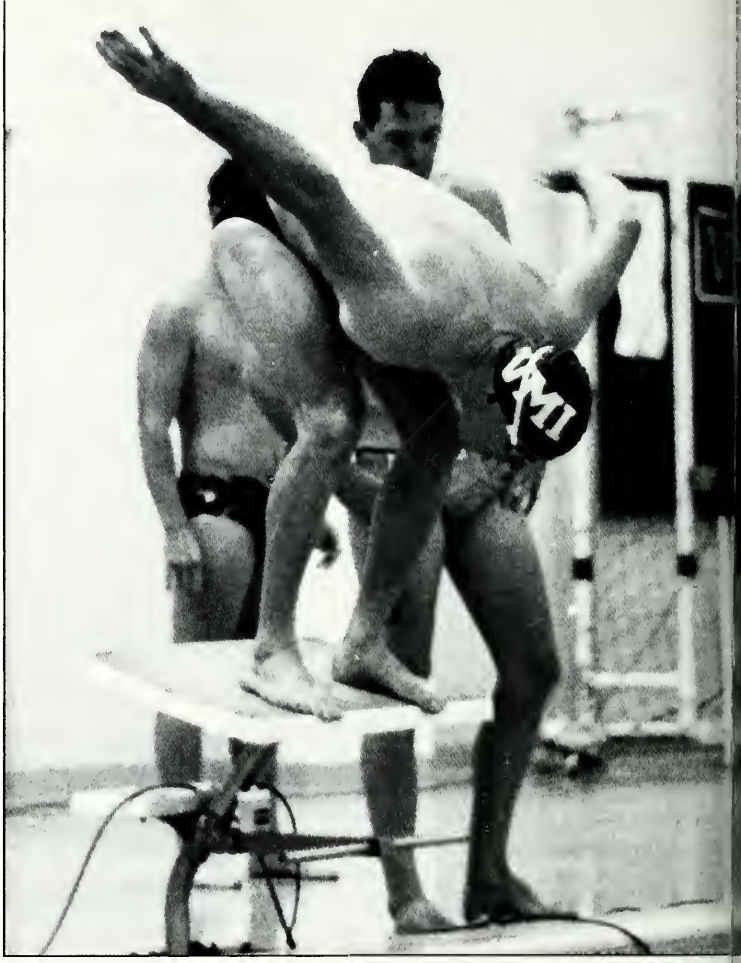
Out of nowhere they came, screaming hell-fire and fury, pillaging like the Vikings of old, and just being all-around obnoxious . . . the Swim Team. This season, however, the Team proved that it could be more than noisy — it could win, and win it did.

For the first time in twenty years, the Team secured a winning season, ending the year with a dual-meet recored of 4 wins, 3 losses. No doubt, a major factor in the Team's success has been the development of an upper-class base, providing experience and maturity which has been conspicuously lacking in previous years.

Under the leadership of team captain Geoff Fuller, along with fellow '92ers Jon Walters, and Derrick Lapp, as well as Third classmen Dom Ford, Kevin Morello, and Brian Piccioni, there has developed a cohesiveness and understanding that makes a team work together. Compounded with a strong Rat turn-out, the team fields a diverse, well-rounded Swim Team.

VMI SWIMMING — THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE WATER — AND IT AIN'T CHLORINE!!

By D "Dead-Last"



▸The VMI Swimmers take a break during a Home meet.

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▸VMI swimmers await their turn at the blocks.

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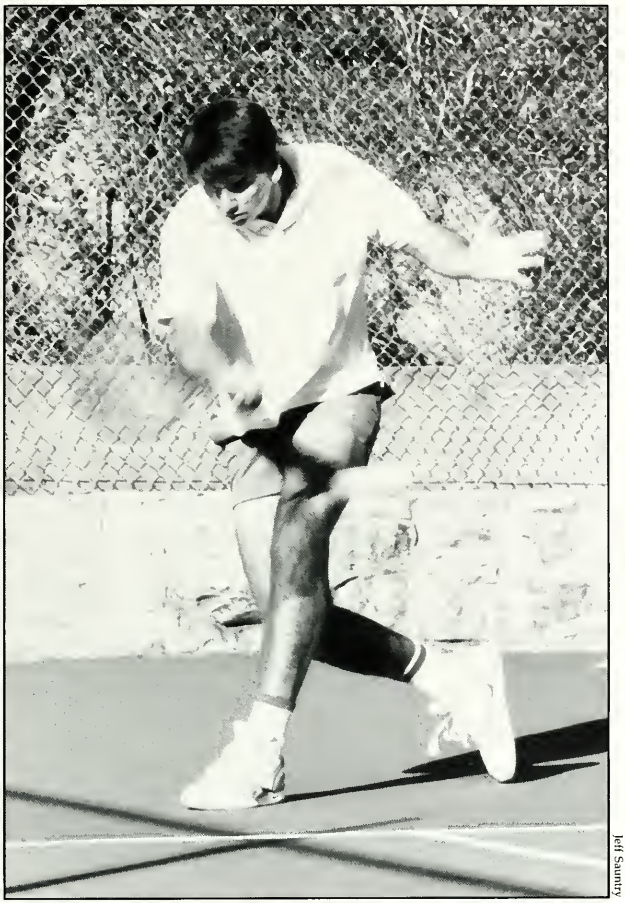

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MAKING WAVES

TENNIS

The Tennis Team had a strong season which ended with a record of five wins against zero losses. The team's fall line-up was led by Andy Mays, Clifford Foster, Peter Lawrence, Jack Woodfin, Chris Davila, and Todd Jackson.

The doubles teams consisted of Mays/Lawrence, Foster/Jackson, and Woodfin/Marechal. Some of the team's outstanding highlights came this season when Clifford Foster was able to win several very tight matches, and from Jack Woodfin and Erick Marechal, who both were able to advance to the finals of every tournament in which they were entered.

The team lost Andy Mays to BULLDOG PLT in the Spring, but the team had veteran John Kao, as well as newcomers John Guggenheimer and Trey Holden to take up the slack. The Tennis team would like to thank all of the parents for their help, especially the Woodfins, the Marechals, the Mays, and the Davilas.

By Jack Woodfin

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◂Clifford Foster smacks a forehand over the net.

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▸▸Second row Mike Starling and Prop Paul McKinney a.k.a "Nefferious" prepare for a VMI line-out.
▸Third Classman wing forward Jim Richards mutilates a Mink.

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▲Hooker Bucky Bridges tries out for a line-fag position in the W&L match.
▸Fullback Jeff White pops a kick over the enemy.

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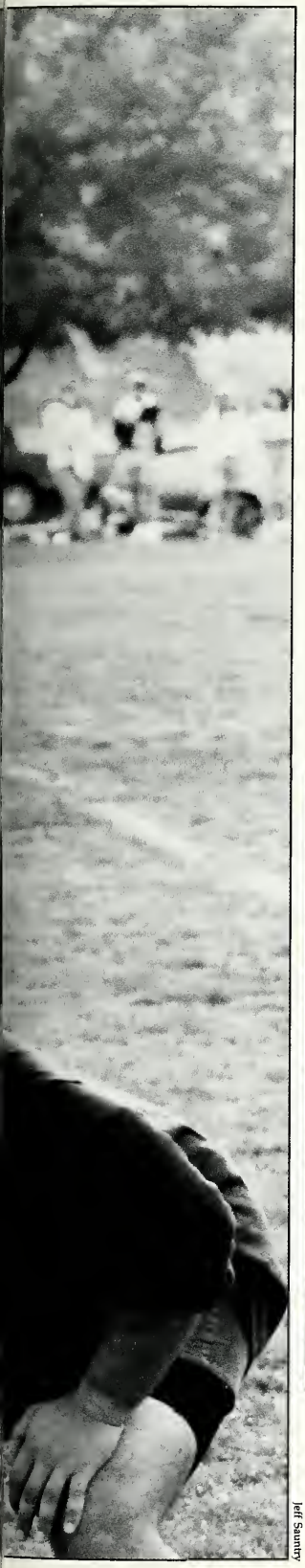

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SLUGS DON'T EAT SALT

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The 89-90 Rugby season went well for the Slugs. Under the leadership of Paul "Neffy" McKinney and Jeff "Toast" White, the team ended its spring season boasting a 16 and 3 record. This was the best Spring in VMI history — every week the team brought home a trophy for the greater glory of the Institute. The reason for this outstanding performance was the amount of talent that the team possessed. The veteran scrum and line were able to dominate most of the teams they faced.

In the fall, the team lost several 1st Classmen who played key positions in the line and scrum. These positions take years to develop, and their replacements performed admirably. The Slugs opened the season against West Point. It was the hardest-hitting game of the season by far. The outsized, out-talented Slugs gave the Army team a match they won't soon forget, even though they weren't victorious.

The Spring of 1991 looks very good for VMI. A veteran scrum and more experienced line, under the new team captains Mike Starling and Mark Drehl promise to bring some hardware home from tourneys scheduled this Spring. On 6-7 April, VMI will hold its Third Sort-of-Annual Tournament. Last year VMI won its own tournament in a thriller against Annapolis. Come out and support your Slugs!!

By Nefferious

Jeff Saunty

◂The VMI Scrum Dogs: Bucky Bridges, Mark Orgain, Jim Richards, Paul McKinney, Mike Starling, Chris Batenhorst, and Jay Fry. The scrum was instrumental in the VMI Army match.

CLUB KINGS

GOLF

The Keydet Golfers concluded the 1990 Spring season on a high note, finishing over seventy strokes better in the Southern Conference Championship than in the previous year, the best improvement among all eight competitors. The Fall season was full of tribulations, however, as the team graduated two starters and lost its best player, Thirdclassman Trey Petty, to a back injury.

The team managed to make respectable showings in all three tournaments of the fall season, including one seventh place finish. Secondclassman Dave Massie and team captain David Conforti provided quite a punch in competition, with Dave finishing as the team's medalist in one tournament, and David as the front runner in the other two. Firstclassman Ashton Lough came off a year of sitting on the bench to perform well in each of the tournaments, and Rat Steeley proved quite an asset for the team. Rounding out the starters, John Jordan, Scott Blackburn, made solid contributions as well.

By David Conforti

Jeff Sauntry

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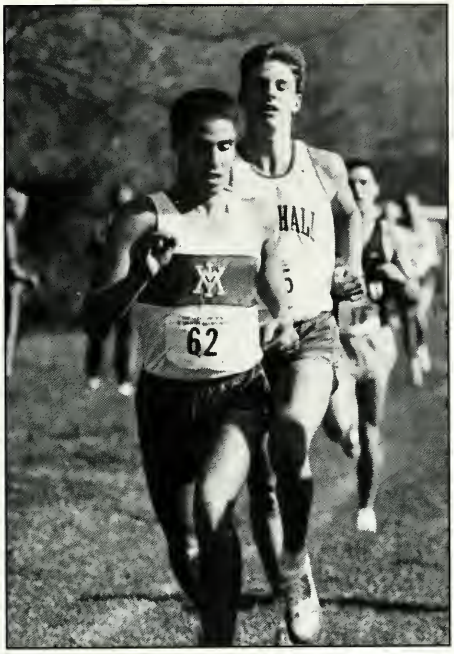
▲"It's a Cinderella story!" Dave Massie hits a beauty while Dave Conforti looks on.

1990-91 GOLF TEAM

The 1990-91 VMI Golf Team poses on their home-course, the Lexington Country Club.

▾A VMI runner edges out another victory.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE

CROSS COUNTRY

As the Cross Country team logged in the heavy mileage and pain this summer in order for the upcoming season, little did they know that, " . . . lack of depth, injury, and sickness would make this a somewhat suspect season from the very beginning," according to head-coach Mike Bozeman. Sixty to eighty miles of running per week on hills, gravel, and asphalt can definitely increase a runner's chance of injury. As a result, the team did not line up fully together until the Conference meet. The team did, however, place second at the ODU Invitational and sixth at the State meet.

The final result was a top division finish equalling the last two year's finishes in the Conference. With returning members and a healthy team, the Harriers should easily be able to improve their standing in the Conference.

By Anthony Brinkley

Front row: Rich Falcone, Anthony Brinkley (CPT), Neil Hennigan, Jay King. Second row: Coach Ross Thomas, Craig Matthews, Patrick Thompson, Adam Bolan, Eddie Antoine, Kirk Deason, Anthony Underhill, Coach Charley Lauck. Third row: Stephen Kavanaugh, David Underwood, Collin Wilkerson, David Presnell, and Head Coach, Mike Bozeman.

◂Second Classman Anthony Brinkley finishes up the final leg of his run.

Jeff Saunty

Net GAIN

SOCCER

The 1990-91 year was a monumental year for the VMI soccer program. Under the leadership of second year Head Coach, Steve "Boss" Ross, and Assistant Coach, Doug Bartlett, the Keydet Soccer team had it's best season ever in the history of the sport at VMI, winning nine games, losing seven, and tying three. Some of the most impressive wins in which the Keydets showed their true colors were against Liberty College whom they beat 3-1, and Delaware, whom they beat 1-0. Among these victories, the Keydets also placed first in the VA. Wesleyan Blue Marlan Invitational and runner-up in the James Madison season opener tournament.

The soccer team will be losing seniors Brad Brodigan, Mike Pilley, Dave Jones, Sam Orlav, Andrew Preston, and Jamie Wiest, all of whom contributed to the success of the season. The team also had strong support from Rats Russell Rutter, Southern Conference Rookie of the Year, and the team's leading scorer Sabastian Moreau, a fine addition to the midfield. Next season, the team will be led by tri-captains Alex Alston, Matt Ott, and Rus Tilgner.

By Buddy League & Brad Brodigan

1990-91 SOCCER TEAM

The 1990-91 VMI soccer team poses on Patchin Field

◂VMI takes the ball from an unfortunate UMED player.
▾Coach Ross explains some of the finer points of the game to a new player.

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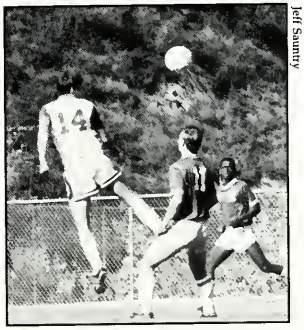

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▴The team prepares to take the field for another grueling half.
◂First Classman Sam Orlov heads the ball over a UMED defender.

Matt Zahorsky

▸Sean squares off to battle an opponent.
▾CPT Thomson counsels a young boxer . . . Huu-ah!

Matt Zahorsky

▸Captain Chris Cruz pounds the bag during an intense workout.

Matt Zahorsky

AWESOME COMBINATION

BOXING

How would you react? Would you be able to stand up against that unruly drunk in the bar, or help your friend out if he gets himself into an undesirable and messy situation? The VMI Boxers put themselves into these situations daily. Always an element of danger present every time they enter the ring, the VMI Boxers feed on the adrenaline which pumps rapidly through their veins, relying on that extra push of intensity to keep their disciplined fist punching quickly and accurately, knowing that when the last bell sounds, they will be the victorious ones- not necessarily declared by the sometimes inconsistent judges, but because of the fact that each and every one of these modern day gladiators know deep down in their hearts that by the time they may exit their personal Colosseum, they have put out all that they possibly could have, and then some. Theodore Roosevelt summed it up pretty well. "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, who's face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly . . . who, if he wins, knows the triumph, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." The men who do not recruit or scout incoming cadets for prospective boxers are Col. Gordon Caulkins and Cpt. Lance Thomson. These coaches use a more archaic training technique- it's called work. The team captains, Chris Cruz, Pavel Lesho, and Frank Thurston, expect this season to be one of the best ever.

By Chris Cruz

1990-91 BOXING TEAM

The 1990-91 Boxing Team poses in their practice room in Cocke Hall.

WHICH ONE IS
HAZING
?
• P.T.
YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TA' NUTHIN'.
MARSHALL
PROP
1898
1955
BLOODY SUNDAY
SLUGGER
• JUST A LITTLE BIT OF FUN
OUCH
• POSITIVE CORRECTION
LOOKIT ALL THAT RUST!
TOK
1966
AAAA
YOU PANSY
• YUP. A VILE EXAMPLE OF SADISTIC MENTAL TORTURE!
1989

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VMI

OUTRAGE

STORY: JEFF CUIPER
CRAIG STREETER

ART: CS

IN THE DAYS OF OLD, WHEN MEN WERE MEN AND THE WOMEN DIDN'T FILE LAWSUITS, THE WORLD WAS RULED BY THE BRAVE, COURAGEOUS AND STRONG.

TASTES GREAT!

LESS FILLING!

OW!

OW!

THE HEAVENS WERE THE HOME OF MANY GODS – ALL OF WHOM TOOK AN INTEREST IN THE ACTIONS OF REAL MEN!

★G#?

AH- QUIT YOUR WHINING!

CUT OFF HIS HEAD!!

FOUL! FOUL! FOUL!

BUT, AS TIME PASSED, MAN BECAME SOFT.

GILLIGAN, YOU STUPID G#★!

RAT-A-TAT-A-TAT

EVEN THE WARS WEREN'T THE SAME.

THE GODS BEGAN TO GET BORED – VERY BORED!

CAN'T YOU DO THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE?

FINALLY, **ODIN**, THE "BIG-GUY" IN THE HEAVENS, SENT OUT A MESSINGER TO LOOK FOR A PLACE WHERE REAL MEN WERE STILL BEING MADE.

BOOM

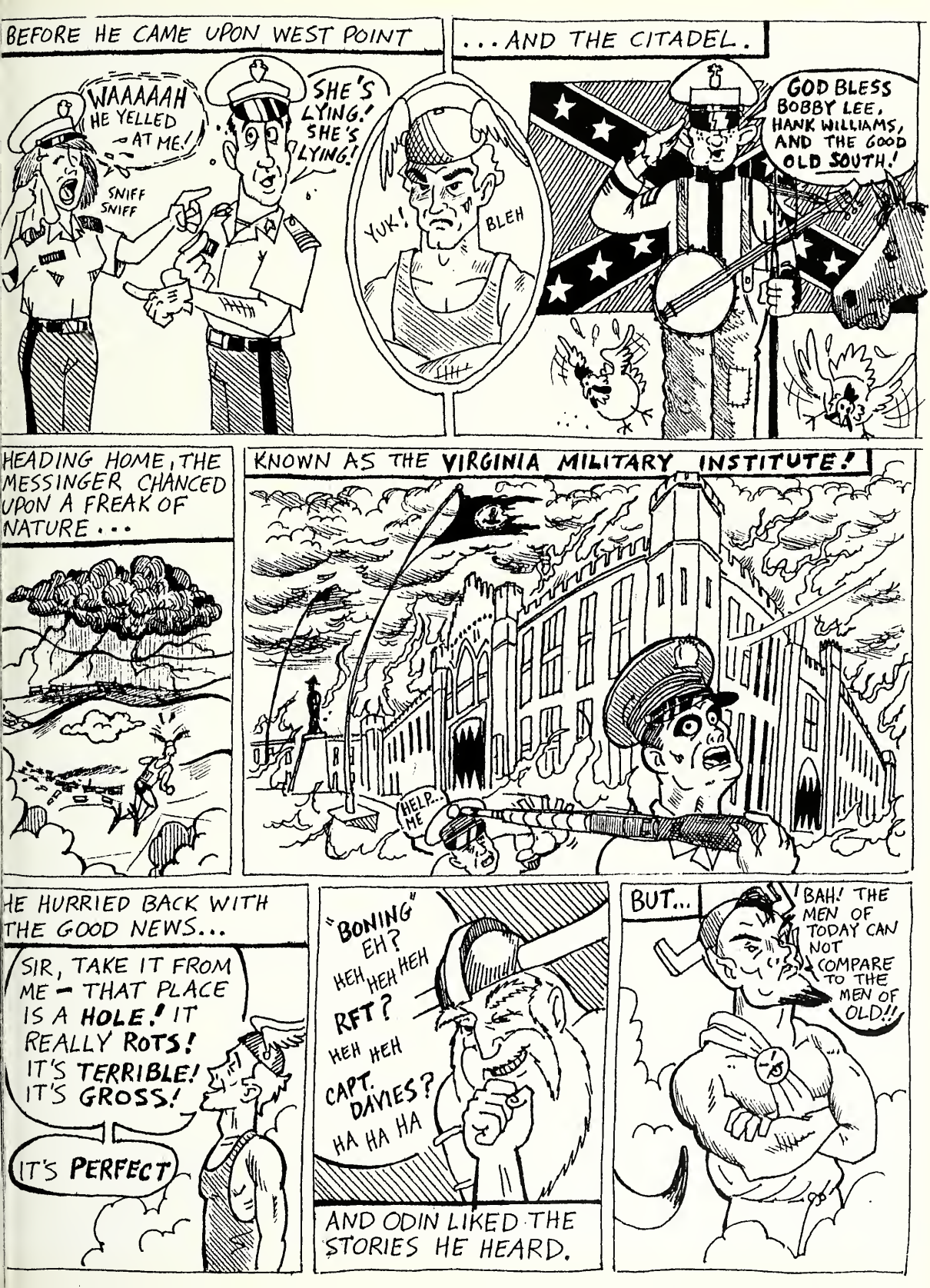
BOOM

BOOM

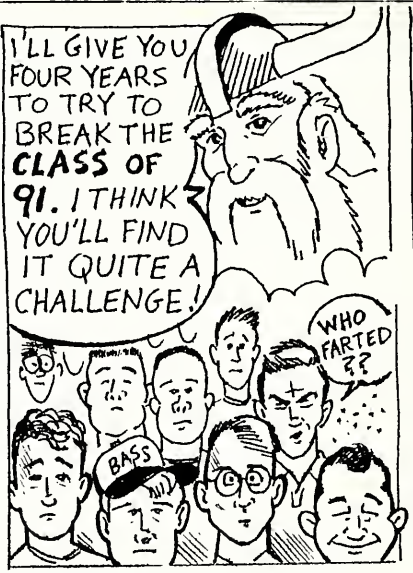
SCUD! SCUD! SCUD!

YIPE! YIPE! YIPE!

THE MESSINGER SEARCHED HIGH & LOW – NEAR & FAR...

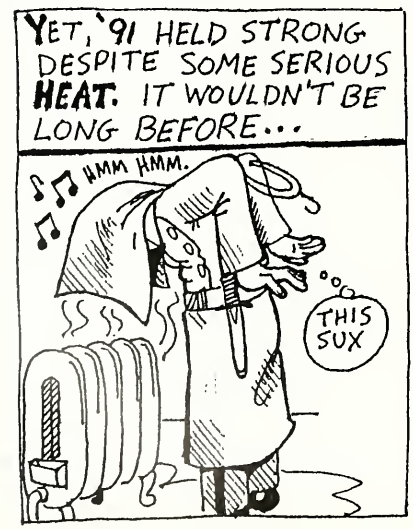

BEFORE HE CAME UPON WEST POINT
WAAAAAH HE YELLED AT ME!
SNIFF SNIFF
SHE'S LYING! SHE'S LYING!
YUK!
BLEH
...AND THE CITADEL.
GOD BLESS BOBBY LEE, HANK WILLIAMS, AND THE GOOD OLD SOUTH!
HEADING HOME, THE MESSINGER CHANCED UPON A FREAK OF NATURE...
KNOWN AS THE VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE!
HELP ME...
HE HURRIED BACK WITH THE GOOD NEWS...
SIR, TAKE IT FROM ME - THAT PLACE IS A HOLE! IT REALLY ROTS! IT'S TERRIBLE! IT'S GROSS!
IT'S PERFECT
"BONING" EH? HEH HEH HEH
RFT? HEH HEH
CAPT. DAVIES? HA HA HA
AND ODIN LIKED THE STORIES HE HEARD.
BUT...
BAH! THE MEN OF TODAY CAN NOT COMPARE TO THE MEN OF OLD!!

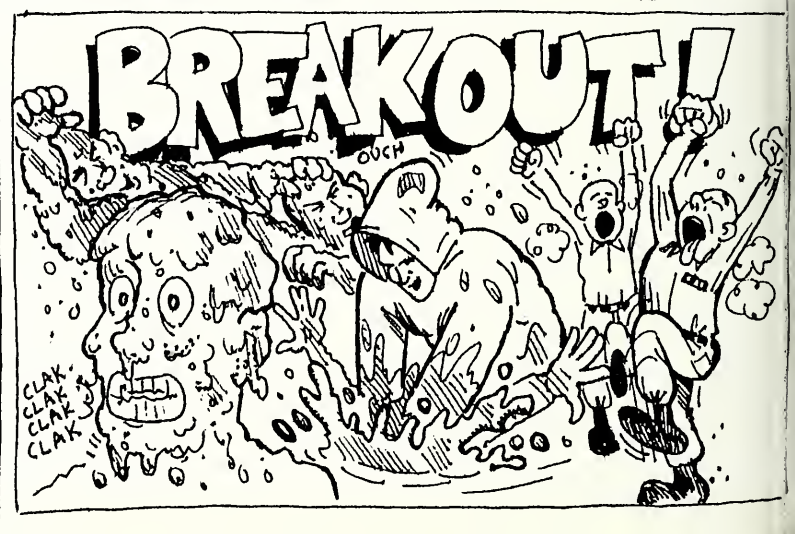
IF I COULD TEST THEM, THESE MEN WOULD CRACK, NO DOUBT! THEY ARE WIMPS!
NOW THAT'S AN INTERESTING IDEA...


I'LL GIVE YOU FOUR YEARS TO TRY TO BREAK THE CLASS OF 91. I THINK YOU'LL FIND IT QUITE A CHALLENGE!
WHO FARTED ??
BASS

HA! ODIN IS A FOOL! THIS IS GONNA BE EASY! BUT I NEED A TOOL TO DO MY DIRTY WORK. I THINK I'LL CREATE...
HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?
YOU'RE IN BAND CO.
AHHHH...
?
SUCKER
SUCKE

THE CLASS OF 90!

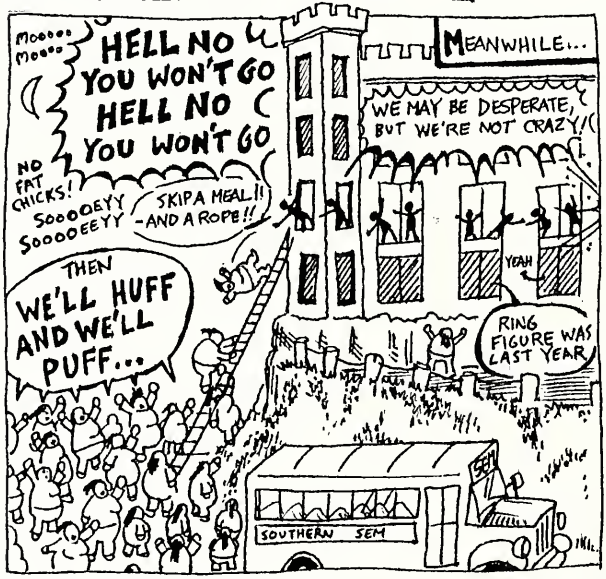

YET, '91 HELD STRONG DESPITE SOME SERIOUS HEAT. IT WOULDN'T BE LONG BEFORE...
HMM HMM.
THIS SUX

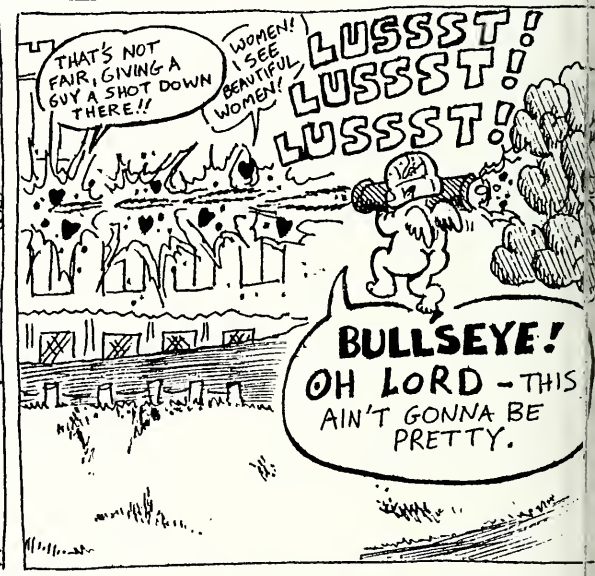

BREAKOUT!
OUCH
CLAK CLAK CLAK CLAK

HMMM. THEY ARE TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT. I MUST COME UP WITH A SECOND TEST—
I GOT IT!
HA HA HA
6#$☆! !☠@!
CALC
BIOLOGY
HISTORY
P.E.
CHEMISTRY
ENGLISH
POOF POOF POOF POOF
TAK
POP
HUH?
WHUMP!!
Patient is nuts.
THE CLASS OF '91 SLIPPED
BUT JUST WHEN ALL SEEMED LOST
2,000
WHERE AM I??
I NEED AN ASPIRIN
IMPOSSIBLE! THEY'VE ENDURED THE WORST PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TORTURE I CAN DREAM UP. I'VE GOT TO GET NASTY AND STRIKE THEM WHERE IT REALLY HURTS— THEIR HEARTS!
THIS WON'T BE EASY. I'LL HAVE TO GO IN STEPS. I'LL GIVE 'EM SOME GOOD OL' FASHIONED REJECTION! HA HA HA
NO, I CAN'T COME TO YOUR RING FIGURE... I'VE GOT TO BRUSH MY TEETH.
SORRY.
BUT... BUT... BUT...
I'M SORRY BUT I'M BUSY THAT WEEKEND. THE NEW KIDS ARE PLAYING AT TECH.
YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF, BABY...
NO. THERE'S A PARTY AT HAMPDEN-SYDNEY THAT WEEKEND. MAYBE NEXT TIME?
NO, I CAN'T MAKE IT TO RING FIGURE. I PROMISED MY GRAMMA I WOULD WASH HER.

AND SO...
HELLO? GRAMMA? LISTEN... I WAS WONDERING...
WHAT ABOUT YOUR SISTER?
SO?!
SHE'S ONLY 12.
NAZIS
I HATE VIA!
463-7375
TEXAS
RING FIGURE
I LUVE JONNY
SO LOSER
698-3373

HEE HEE. PERFECT! THEY'RE GETTING DESPERATE! LOOK AT THAT BEARD KID PANIC...
NOW FOR THE SECOND STEP. CUPID, MY BOY, I WANT YOU TO GET '91 REALLY GOOD! I WANT THEM ASKING PIGS TO THIS THING!
NO PROBLEM. I SAW A FEW BEHIND BARRACKS
LOVE ROCKET

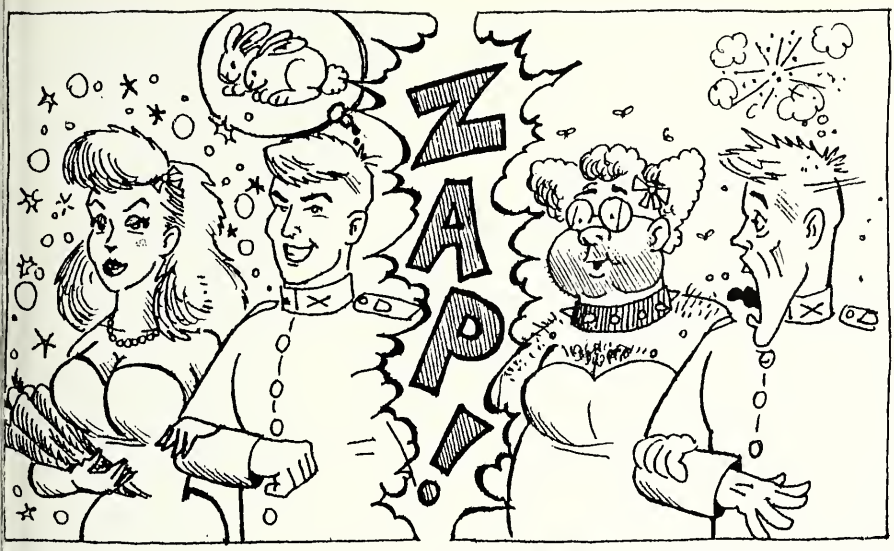

MEANWHILE...
HELL NO YOU WON'T GO HELL NO YOU WON'T GO
NO FAT CHICKS!
SOOOOEYY SOOOOEEYY
SKIP A MEAL!! -AND A ROPE!!
THEN WE'LL HUFF AND WE'LL PUFF...
WE MAY BE DESPERATE, BUT WE'RE NOT CRAZY!
YEAH
RING FIGURE WAS LAST YEAR
SOUTHERN SEM

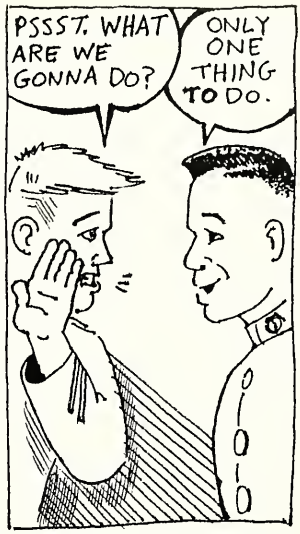

THAT'S NOT FAIR, GIVING A GUY A SHOT DOWN THERE!!
WOMEN! I SEE BEAUTIFUL WOMEN!
LUSSST! LUSSST! LUSSST!
BULLSEYE! OH LORD - THIS AIN'T GONNA BE PRETTY.

IT WASN'T.
COME TO DADDY
TEE-HEE TEE-HEE
PIGS?
PIGS?

OH STOP IT!
WE'VE GOT THE BIGGEST ONE'S EVER.

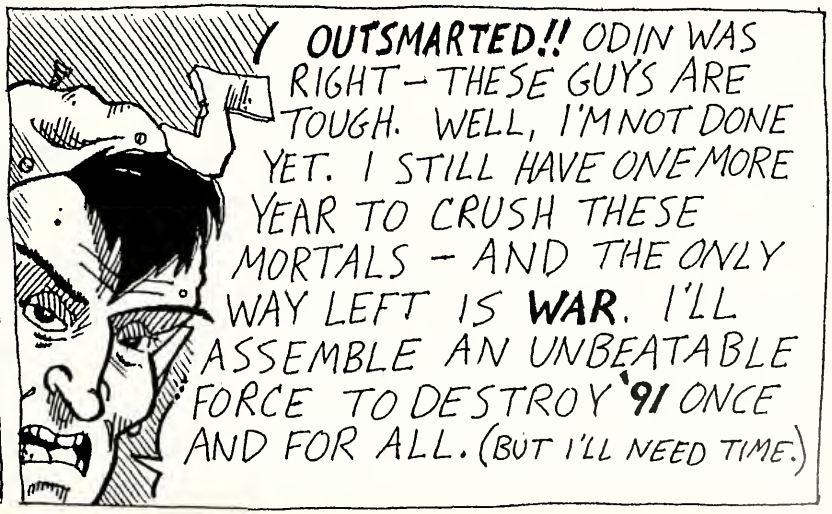
NOW, I'LL REMOVE THE SPELL AND WATCH THEM SUFFER - WAKE UP FELLAS! HA HA HA HA

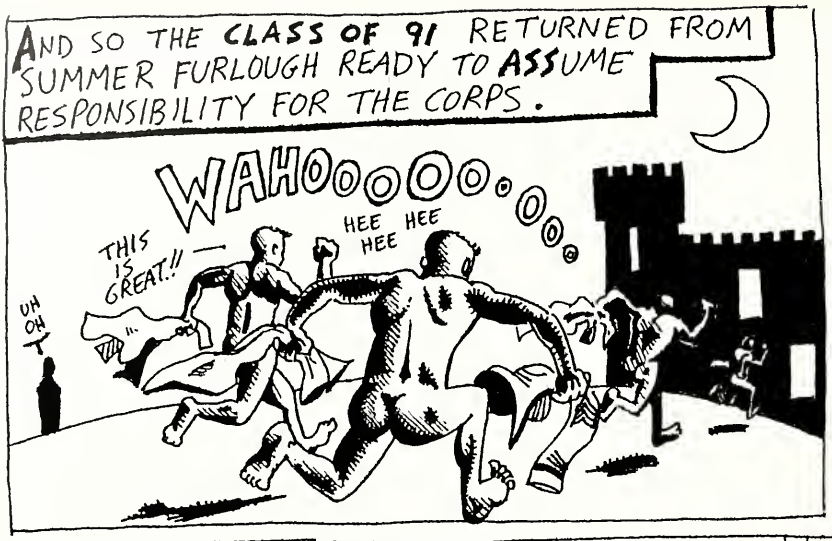

ZAP!


PSSST. WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

ZZZZZ
ACK
91
RIDE EM COWBOY
VMI

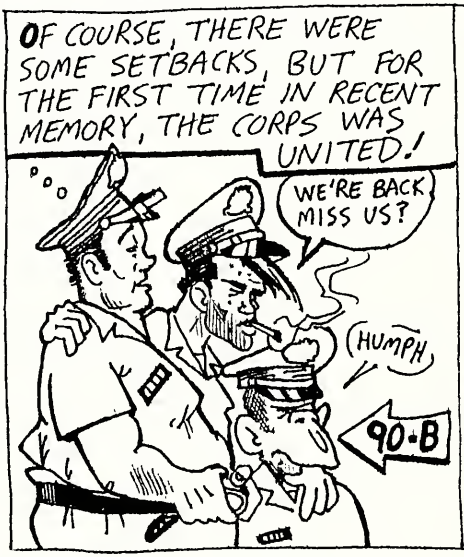
CURSES!!!
FOILED AGAIN!
@#%☆


OUTSMARTED!! ODIN WAS RIGHT – THESE GUYS ARE TOUGH. WELL, I'M NOT DONE YET. I STILL HAVE ONE MORE YEAR TO CRUSH THESE MORTALS – AND THE ONLY WAY LEFT IS WAR. I'LL ASSEMBLE AN UNBEATABLE FORCE TO DESTROY '91 ONCE AND FOR ALL. (BUT I'LL NEED TIME.)

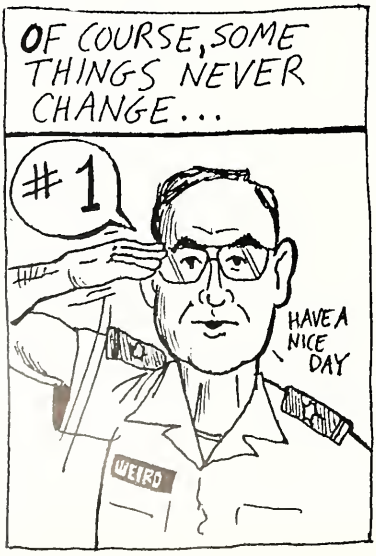

AND SO THE CLASS OF 91 RETURNED FROM SUMMER FURLOUGH READY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CORPS.
WAHOOOOOOOOOOO
THIS IS GREAT!!
HEE HEE HEE HEE
UH OH!

CADRE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS...
RACK IT IN!!

CRAWL!
AND THE RDC HAD A PARTY OR TWO


OF COURSE, THERE WERE SOME SETBACKS, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY, THE CORPS WAS UNITED!
WE'RE BACK MISS US?
HUMPH
90-B

RAH RAH - VMI - WHOLE DAMN TEAM
I LOVE YOU GUYS


OF COURSE, SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE...
#1
HAVE A NICE DAY
WEIRD

PUT UP YOUR GUARD!!
OW!
POK

BOHICA!

YET ALL THE WHILE, **DARK FORCES** WERE BUSY AT WORK

AT LAST! THE FORCE I'LL USE TO BREAK THOSE BOYS!

ET TU BISSELL?

WILDER IN 94

LATER -

FEED 'EM! HOOYAA! HOOYAA! FEED EM!

POP POP

SERGEANT-MAJOR! WATCH AS I DESTROY THE CORPS WITH AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE MISSLES. HERE GOES...

SNEAK ATTACKS ARE SO NEAT!

TORA! TORA! TORA!

RAT-A-TAT TAT

POP POP POP POP POP

RAT-A-TAT-A TAT

ENEMY HQ

NO HAY DOWN

TAC STAFF

L.T.T.

MESS HALL

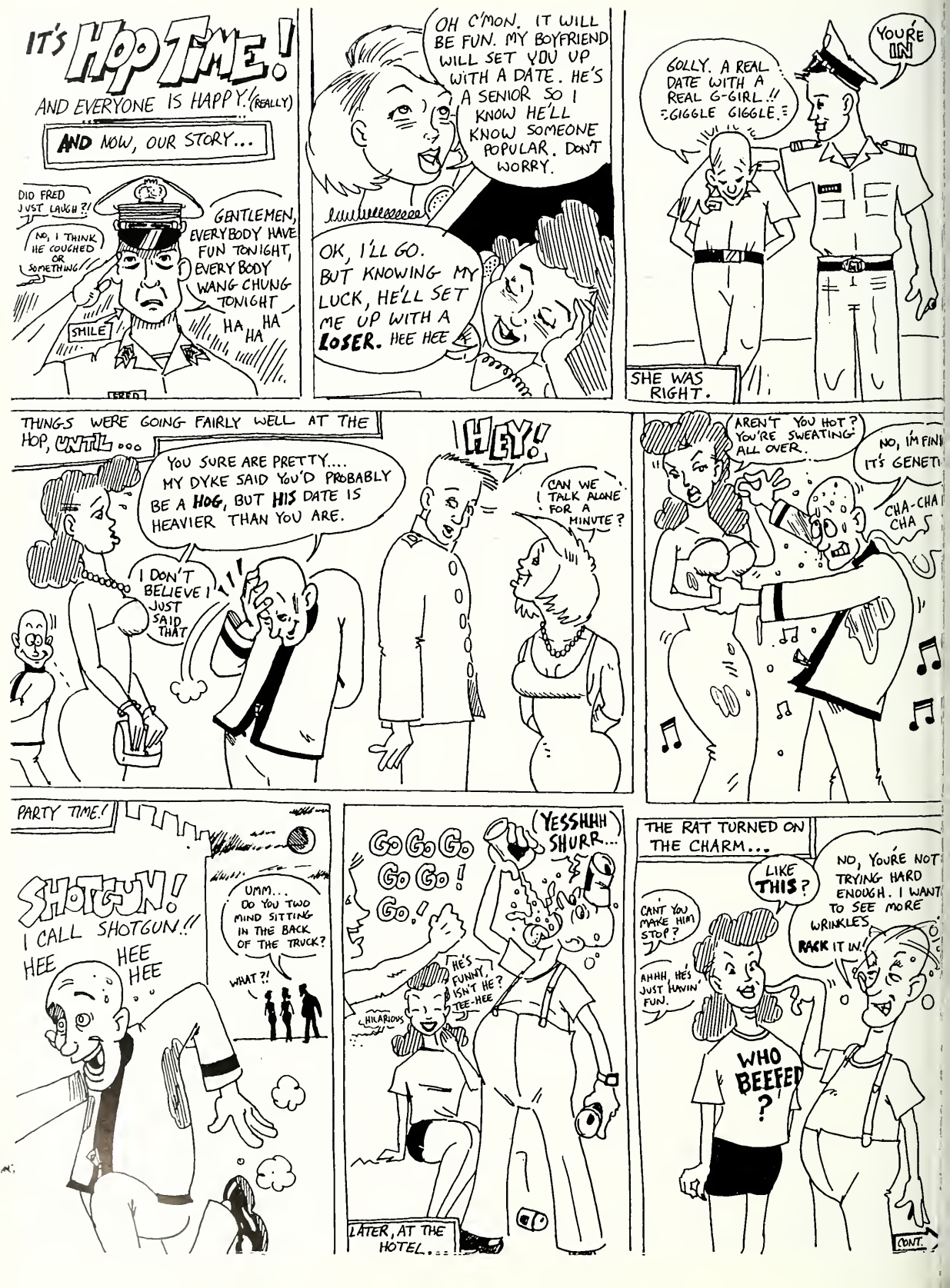
HUP HUP HUP

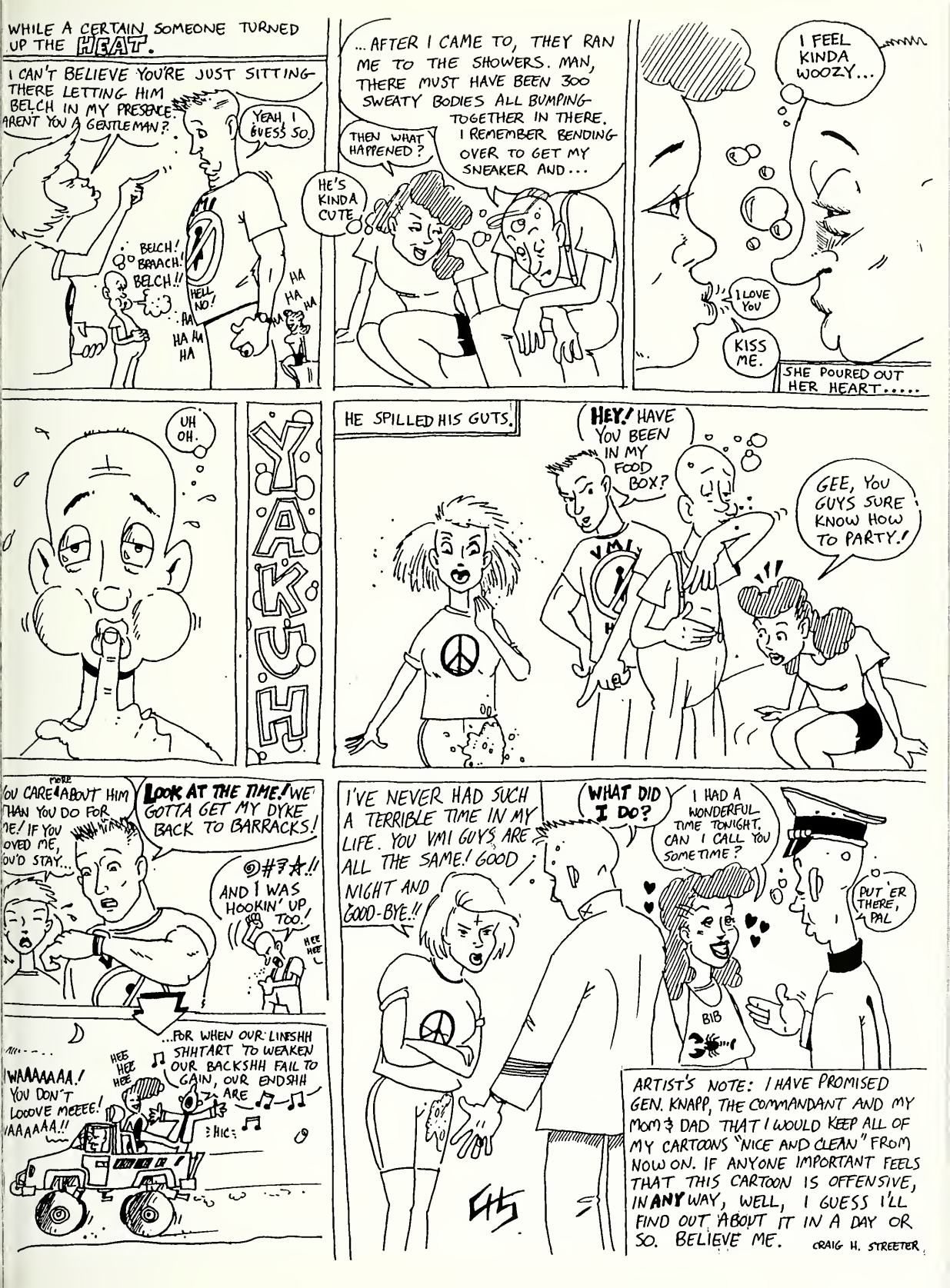
HOLY...

THE ADMINISTRATION HIT **FAST** - AND IT HIT **HARD!**

WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED, '91 WAS STILL INTACT, BUT JUST A LITTLE STUNNED...
DAMN.
BACK IN THE ADMIN. HEADQUARTERS, GEN. KNAPP WAS ECSTATIC.
THAT'S IT! BOMB THEM INTO SUBMISSION! HA HA THEY CAN'T HOLD OUT FOREVER!
BAM BAM BAM
YEAH!
KNAPPOLEON
BACK ON THE FRONT, THE ATTACK ON THE CADETS CONTINUED...
ADMINISTRATION
HEY! I CAN BREATHE THIS STUFF.
FRED
DAN
RDC SMITTY
KYLE
UNTIL HA HA HA THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING - I'VE GOT THEM NOW. THEY'RE ALL MINE! THEY'RE BROKEN
IT SEEMED SO.
BOOM
BOOM
MAN, MY RACK'S CALLIN ME...
ME TOO!
SUDDENLY...
ENOUGH!
URP!
LOKI, YOU HAVE PUSHED THIS FAR TOO FAR! YOUR TEST HAS GOTTEN OUT OF HAND. YOU ARE RELIEVED. NOW, BEAT IT! NOW!
MY BOYS - YOUR FIGHT IS OVER! YOU HAVE OVERCOME TERRIBLE HARDSHIPS AND TREMENDOUS ODDS! CONGRATULATIONS! IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE STILL A FEW REAL MEN AROUND.

BUT SIR – WHAT ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION? WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM. I PUT THEM WHERE THEY CAN ONLY HELP CADETS AND VMI. YOU JUST GET YOURSELF READY FOR...
GRADUATION
THANK GOD
YA' KNOW MIKE – I HAD A DREAM THAT I WAS THE SUPE!
IT'S ALL THE BOOZE, JOHN.
EXCUSE ME, BUT COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THE MATRICULATION LINE IS?
DOUG SENT ME.
'91


IT'S HOP TIME!
AND EVERYONE IS HAPPY! (REALLY)
AND NOW, OUR STORY...
DID FRED JUST LAUGH?!
NO, I THINK HE COUGHED OR SOMETHING
SMILE
GENTLEMEN, EVERYBODY HAVE FUN TONIGHT, EVERYBODY WANG CHUNG TONIGHT
HA HA HA
FRED
OH C'MON. IT WILL BE FUN. MY BOYFRIEND WILL SET YOU UP WITH A DATE. HE'S A SENIOR SO I KNOW HE'LL KNOW SOMEONE POPULAR. DON'T WORRY.
OK, I'LL GO. BUT KNOWING MY LUCK, HE'LL SET ME UP WITH A LOSER. HEE HEE
YOU'RE IN
GOLLY. A REAL DATE WITH A REAL G-GIRL!! GIGGLE GIGGLE.
SHE WAS RIGHT.
THINGS WERE GOING FAIRLY WELL AT THE HOP, UNTIL...
YOU SURE ARE PRETTY.... MY DYKE SAID YOU'D PROBABLY BE A HOG, BUT HIS DATE IS HEAVIER THAN YOU ARE.
I DON'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT
HEY!
CAN WE TALK ALONE FOR A MINUTE?
AREN'T YOU HOT? YOU'RE SWEATING ALL OVER.
NO, I'M FIN
IT'S GENET
CHA-CHA CHA
PARTY TIME!
SHOTGUN! I CALL SHOTGUN!! HEE HEE HEE
UMM... DO YOU TWO MIND SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK?
WHAT?!
GO GO GO GO GO! GO!
YESSHHH SHURR...
HE'S FUNNY, ISN'T HE? TEE-HEE
HILARIOUS
LATER, AT THE HOTEL...
THE RAT TURNED ON THE CHARM...
CAN'T YOU MAKE HIM STOP?
AHHH, HE'S JUST HAVIN' FUN.
LIKE THIS?
NO, YOU'RE NOT TRYING HARD ENOUGH. I WANT TO SEE MORE WRINKLES. RACK IT IN!
WHO BEEFED?
CONT.


WHILE A CERTAIN SOMEONE TURNED UP THE HEAT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE JUST SITTING THERE LETTING HIM BELCH IN MY PRESENCE. AREN'T YOU A GENTLEMAN?
YEAH, I GUESS SO.
BELCH! BRAACH! BELCH!!
HELL NO!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
...AFTER I CAME TO, THEY RAN ME TO THE SHOWERS. MAN, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN 300 SWEATY BODIES ALL BUMPING TOGETHER IN THERE. I REMEMBER BENDING OVER TO GET MY SNEAKER AND...
THEN WHAT HAPPENED?
HE'S KINDA CUTE.
I FEEL KINDA WOOZY...
I LOVE YOU
KISS ME.
SHE POURED OUT HER HEART.....
UH OH.
YAKUH
HE SPILLED HIS GUTS.
HEY! HAVE YOU BEEN IN MY FOOD BOX?
GEE, YOU GUYS SURE KNOW HOW TO PARTY.!
YOU CARE MORE ABOUT HIM THAN YOU DO FOR ME! IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU'D STAY...
LOOK AT THE TIME! WE GOTTA GET MY DYKE BACK TO BARRACKS!
@#$%&!! AND I WAS HOOKIN' UP TOO!
HEE HEE
WAAAAAAA! YOU DON'T LOOOVE MEEEE! WAAAAAA!!
HEE HEE HEE
...FOR WHEN OUR LINESHH SHHTART TO WEAKEN OUR BACKSHH FAIL TO GAIN, OUR ENDSHH ARE
HIC
I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A TERRIBLE TIME IN MY LIFE. YOU VMI GUYS ARE ALL THE SAME! GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD-BYE!!
WHAT DID I DO?
I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TONIGHT. CAN I CALL YOU SOMETIME?
PUT 'ER THERE, PAL
BIB
ARTIST'S NOTE: I HAVE PROMISED GEN. KNAPP, THE COMMANDANT AND MY MOM & DAD THAT I WOULD KEEP ALL OF MY CARTOONS "NICE AND CLEAN" FROM NOW ON. IF ANYONE IMPORTANT FEELS THAT THIS CARTOON IS OFFENSIVE, IN ANY WAY, WELL, I GUESS I'LL FIND OUT ABOUT IT IN A DAY OR SO. BELIEVE ME.
CRAIG H. STREETER

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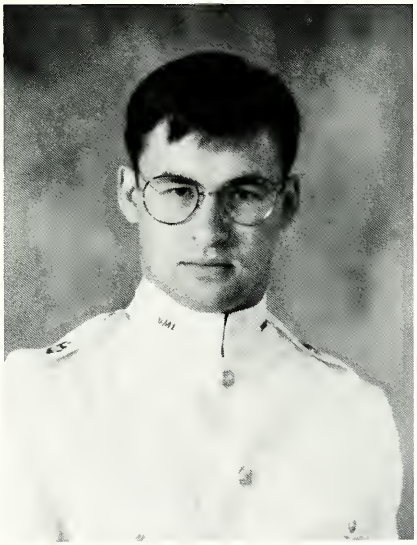

We Love You and Are Very Proud of You Thank You for the VMI Memories

Mom, Dad, Ken and Brant

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Congratulations! James Ashton Lough and Brother Rats of 1991

A "VMI Man" in the making

You've done us proud.
We hold you in our hearts,
as you are off to make
A brand new start.

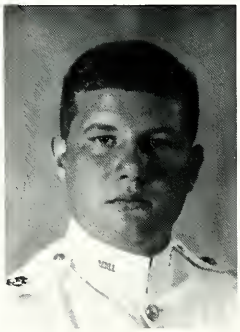
You've met the test,
You've paid the price,
The rest to come
Has got to be *nice!*

There has been the time to learn,
The time to survive.
Now is the time to graduate
FROM VMI!

"The Man" You've Become

With All Our Love

Mom, Peter, Mimi, "Papoo", Julie, Wayne, Pamela, The Bell Family, and P.D. and Wilma's Family



CONGRATULATIONS JOHN EDWARD DUFFY

We Always Knew You Could Do It And You Did.

We Are Proud of You and Pray The Future Will Be Rewarding

Love
Mom, Dad, Brian '89
Grandpa & Uncle Bill

Congratulations! Cadet Tim Pennington

Your Faith in God has carried you through many obstacles.
We're all proud of you!!!
Dad, Mom, Gladys
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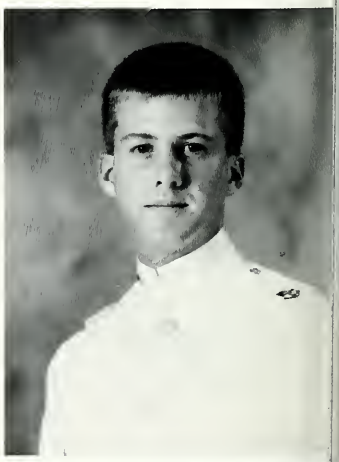
Congratulations John W. Jeter
and the Class of 1991
We are so proud of you

May you continue to follow your dreams throughout life. We will always believe in you.

We love you very much, Your Family (and Champ)



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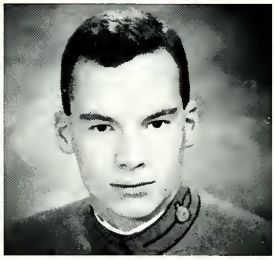
You've Come A Long Way Baby

Congratulations Scott

Love, Mom & Dad

Quote:
Whatever you can do, or think you can do — begin it. For boldness has power and magic has genius in it.
Goethe

Congratulations on meeting your challenge, Rich.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Kara, Kate & Meghan



CADET BRIAN MARKET
CONGRATULATIONS
YOU TOOK THE CHALLENGE
AND MADE IT!
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MOM, DAD
JIM — ROSEANN
DAN & LOUISA
FRANK & ROBYN

Congratulations
David Kevin Raucher
and the Class of 1991

Mom, Dad, Melissa, Len and Karen

CADET BUCKY BRIDGES
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CADET CHRIS RULE

FROM A "RAT" TO A MAN.
YOU BELIEVED IN YOURSELF
AND NEVER GAVE UP.
YOU FOUGHT AND YOU WON.
WE ARE SO VERY PROUD.
LOVE
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Congratulations Room 112
Chris, Bucky, Pat & Bob
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CADET PAT KIELY
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DAD, MOM, KATY, WENDY,
KAREN, DENNY & MEG

CADET BOB COLE
FROM 1ST GRADE TO 1ST CLASS.
FROM THE INSIDE OUT. SON, YOU HAVE TRULY BEEN A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE. MAY ALL YOUR DECISIONS BE AS GOOD AS THE ONE THAT BROUGHT YOU TO VMI.
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MOM, ROBIN & CHRISTEN

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YOU HAVE COME A LONG WAY, SON ! ! !

ROBERT RAYNOR '72

Love,

Mama, & Dad

ROBERT RAYNOR '90

Congratulations to the class of 1991. We wish to express our pride to Mike Livingston, Erik Nillson & Ed Manard and all the V.M.I. Men of The Class of 1993. Congratulations on reaching the half-way point towards your goal. "Keep The Spirit", we love you.

Don & Mary Livingston

Congratulations
Marc Diehl

We are proud of you and ma you have the best in future endeav ors.

Love,
Mother, Dad, Grandpa, Suzanne Scott & Deb & Michael

To:
Cadet Joseph Levine

"You've come a long way, baby."

Congratulations
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS
Christopher G. Barnett
&
The class of 1991

It is not what he has, nor even what he does, which directly expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.---Amiel

With Love & Pride
Mom & Dad

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Congratulations Cadet John R. Gray

and the Class of 1991
We love you and are very proud of you. Thank you for the VMI memories.

Mom, Karen, Robin, Jenny, Nick, Amanda, Jessica,and especially Dad

Congratulations Rich Coupland

and your '91 BRs
We knew you'd do it with class
You've made us very proud
Thanks for the wonderful memories

We Love You

Chelle, Mike, Layne, Lance, Carole & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS JON AND THE CLASS OF '91

We have watched you grow, making many of your dreams become realities. We have watched you become a great person that you are today. Now, you and your BR's are graduating with much ahead of you and wonderful memories behind you that you can carry for lifetime. You have filled all our lives with joy and we are proud of you. We love you!!

Mom, Dad, Rick, Tori, Terri, Geoffrey and Ardith

Lieutenant William David McSorley, IV
United States Marine Corps

1987

You Became what you resolved to be Congratulations

1991

Mom & Dad, Katie, Stephen & Matthew

Congratulations Michael Milner We always knew you had the right stuff Love,

Mom, Dad, Danny & Marc

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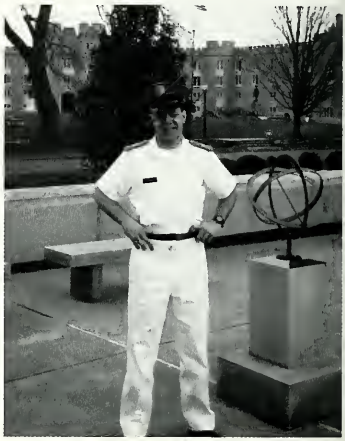
Congratulations Pavel T. Lesho "91"

No one could ask for a finer son or more loving and generous grandparents.

We Love You — Mom & Dad



Congratulations Andrew Apostle

WE Love You

Mom, Dad, Chris

Beth, Bert & Poppy

Matthew W. Perkins

We are so very proud.

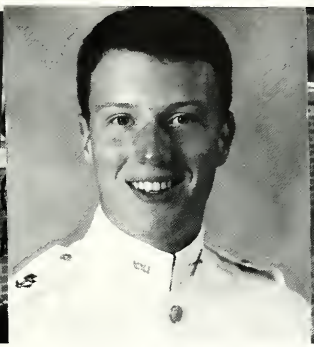
Congratulations!

Remember, the sky's the limit!

Love, Mom, Dad, Liz & Julie

Cadet Philip M. Secrist III
"Flip"

We are so *very, very* proud o your accomplishments a VMI. You are the world's bes son and brother. May Goc continue to bless and keep you in your future endeavors Congratulations, We love you,
Mom, Dad, De De & Dennis



So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man,
When Duty whispers low, *Thou must,*
The youth replies, *I can.*
R.W. Emerson

Congratulations

Lieutenant John Steven Kostoff

With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Andrea,
Thomas, and Scruffy
and
Paw-Paw and Nani Chiofolo

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May 1991

Dear David:

May the pride you now feel become a special memory you will treasure through the years.

Our Love
Mom & Dad
Diane, Donna & Ted
Snoopy & Cabazon

Congratulations

Cadet A. Todd King

Class of '91 and Room 151

VMI-91 CE From all the above

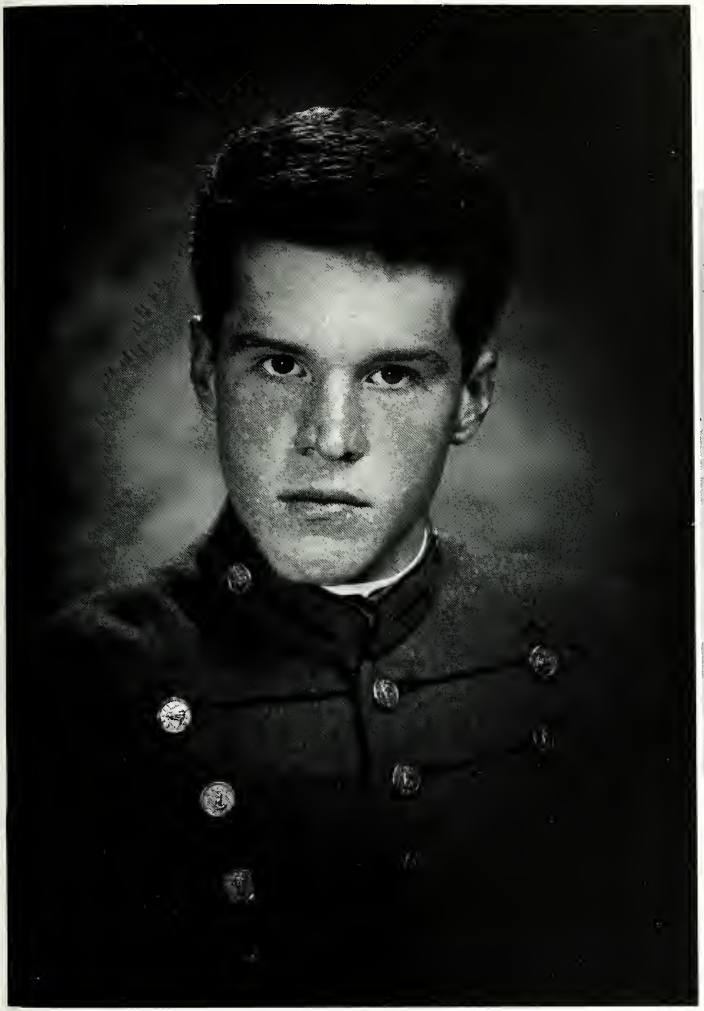
Congratulations
Michael Gresser
you surpassed
our greatest
expectations

Love - Mom, Dad & Tonya

Congratulations
Cadet Gary Rose

Your accomplishments say it all. We are very proud of you. God Bless you and the class of 91. FLY HIGH!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Donna



MICHAEL SHAY FERRELL
1991

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for the continued success and happiness you so richly deserve. VMI has been quite "the experience" and an excellent education you have earned. As you begin an exciting career and continue your education, always remember you have a lifetime commitment of our love, our support, and our friendship. You have brought us tremendous joy and have made us extremely proud parents. The future is very bright and will present many opportunities. Seize those opportunities and remember the immortal words of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet:*

"This above all; to thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Love always,
Mom & Dad

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In Memory of Grandma Labik

June 15, 1990

"Hang in there Paul by a Bullrope."

Well Paul you have and we're all proud of you

Congratulations!

Good Luck!

All the Best in the Future!

All our Love,
Mom & Dad & Angela

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Cadet Aaron Sink

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee — and that to know himself is the foundation of knowledge. Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men, one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

Then, I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

Douglas Mac Arthur

Mom, Dad & Rachel

We love you son.

Steven M. Callahan

Congratulations and best wishes to you and the Class of 1991

We Love You

Mom, Dad & Brothers

Getting Wisdom is the most important thing you can do! And with your wisdom develop common sense and good judgment.

Proverbs 4:7

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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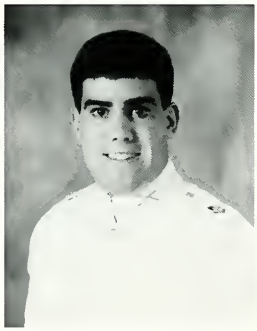
Congratulations, Greg!

We're proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Jeff, and Jill

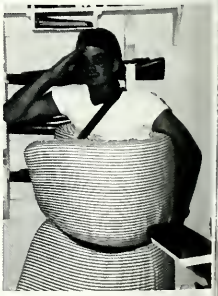


Congratulations David Hart '91
Thanks for the VMI memories
and a job well done.
We're proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & John '86

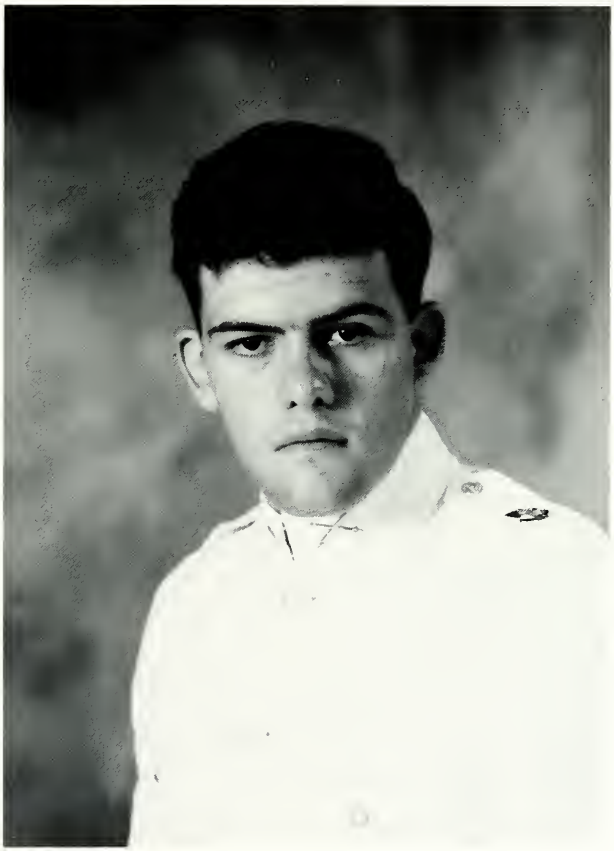
Cadet Rufus Owen, IV
First the Ratline - Then the Ring
Now you have the grandest thing
THE VMI DIPLOMA
We are delighted!
Mom, Dad, Jack & The Sams

"J.T."

We salute you for
a job Well Done.
Love,
Mom & Dad



Congratulations
Matt Amato



Congratulations on a job well done. You have made us very proud of you. The best of luck to you and Ginny and the class of 1991.

We love you
Mom, Dad, Carl, Mark, Hank "89" and Karen, TuTu,
Aunt Pat and PopPop

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Congratulations
Cadet
Eddie Insinna

You knew what you wanted and never gave up! We're proud of you.

Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Michael Robichaud
and the Class of 1991

Mom & Dad

Christopher,

We knew you could do it — so did we. We share your happiness and pride. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Kirsten

Congratulations

John

and the Class of '91

Well Done

We Love You,
Dad, Mom, & Margaret

CONGRATULATIONS

TIM JANE WAY

The Class of '91

and

"F" Company

We Love You and are Very Proud of You.

Thank You for the

VMI Memories

Mom, Dad

Ken and Brant

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Congratulations

Daniel S. Joseph

"An EXCELLENT Job"
God Bless You

Thanks for The Memories!
We Love You

Congratulations Class of 91

Congratulations

Edward W. Dunnington

and the Class of 1991

You have lifetime friendships, many memories and a great education. May God Bless you and keep you safe. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

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Congratulations to our
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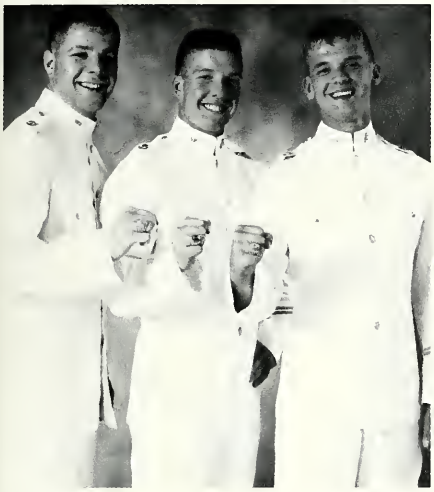
All of your Brother Rats.
We are so proud of you and thankful
that we have had the opportunity of
sharing the great tradition of VMI.

Mom, Dad, Nana, Inger, Kirstann, Tim,
Erik, Tammy, Kari, David, Kirk, Kathy,
Tara, Albie, Bret, Jessica, Lara and
Isaac



"Palvo" - Fred - "Izzie"
Congratulations

Regimental Commander - '91
Cadet Frederick J. Lehman

With Great VMI Memories

and Pride in what you have accomplished we wish you a lifetime of happiness and success.

You have made us very proud to have a son like you
We Love You

Mom, Dad, Jackie, Shawn and your SPECIAL NEPHEW DARRICK

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AUGUST 19, 1987 - THREE LEXINGTON MEN,
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WHEN THEY JOINED THE BROTHERHOOD
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WHEN THINGS GO WRONG--AS THEY USUALLY WILL
THE VMI SYSTEM--LIKE TRUDGING UP HILL,
WHEN FUNDS HAVE BEEN LOW, AND DEBTS HAVE BEEN HIGH,
WE ARE PROUD THAT OUR SONS HAVE CHOSEN VMI.
WHEN TIMES ARE ROUGH--WE WILL BE THERE FOR YOU.
AND WE'LL ALL LOOK FORWARD TO 1992.

Roger
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Laura

Patrick
We love you!
Mom and Dad
Harry, Jr., Gabell, Ann

David
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Michael, Erika,
Grandma, Grandpop

Congratulations To Our

Brother Rats

From the boys in C-82

Chris, Where The HELL Are You?

Thanks to Col. Poncé, Col. Calkins, Capt. Thomson,
Col. Quinn and the entire English Department.

CONGRATULATIONS

DAVID JONES

YOU SET YOUR GOALS AND MADE IT
WITH LITTLE PARTYING OR SLEEP
YOU ENJOYED PLAYING SOCCER
PUTTING SEVERAL GOALS PAST THE
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YOU'LL BE LEAVING THE VMI CROWD
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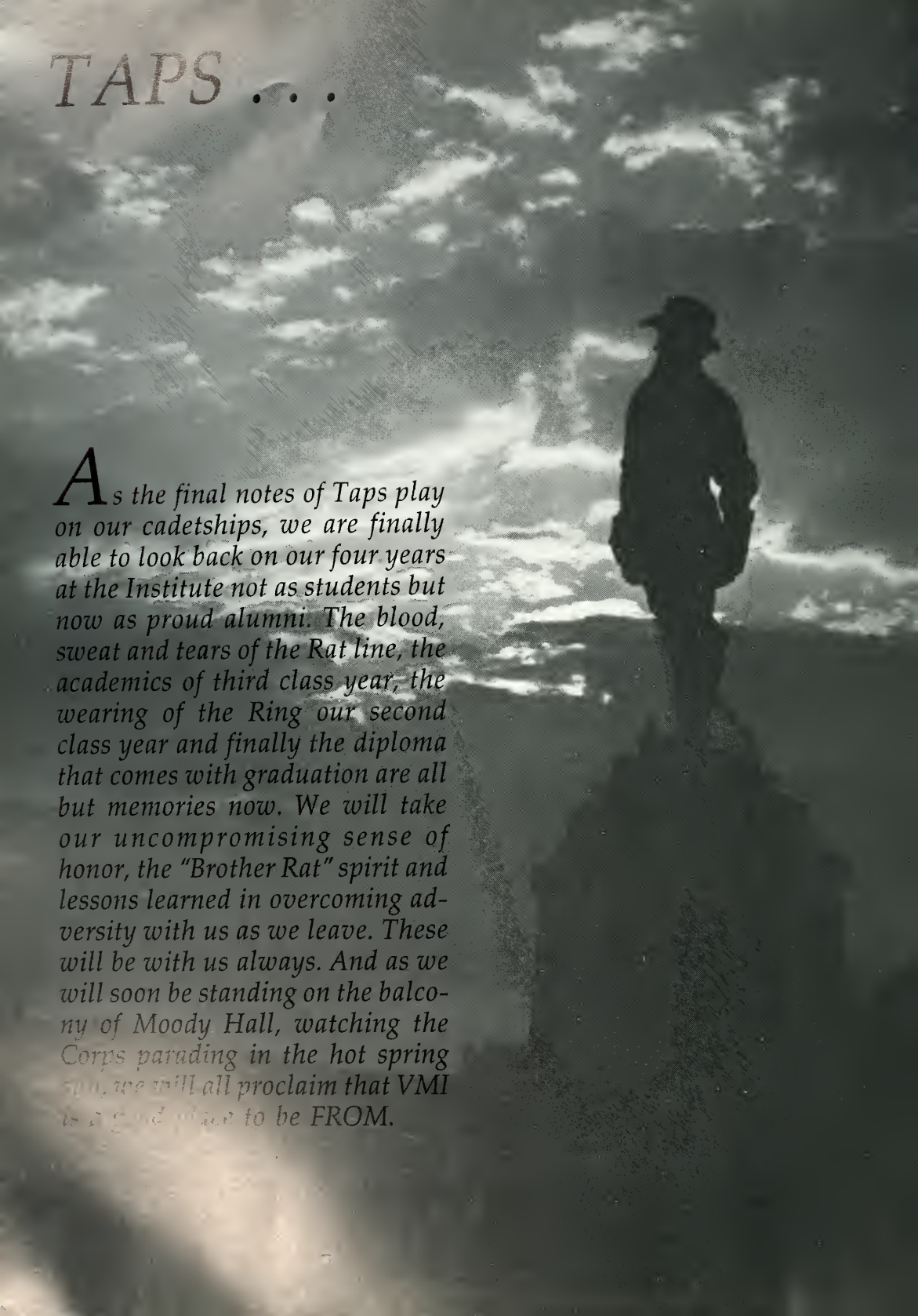

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